Massacre in Class P1



Massacre of the Innocents: Teacher Gwenne Mayor, who died in the carnage at Dunblane primary school, pictured with the first intake of her P1 class last September, many of whom were also killed In 3 minutes 16 children and their teacher

STEVE BOGGAN Chief Reporter

ent cleans up

Less than an hour before, their mothers and fathers were asking if they had cleaned their teeth, telling them to fasten their shoes properly and check-ing they had packed their gym

It would have a been scene played ont in hundreds of thousands of homes across the land. In Dunblane vesterday it was to end in a bloody spectaele which was to leave a small Scottish town bereft and desolate and the rest of the nation deeply shocked.
Only one youngster on these

smiling rows is thought to have been spared the agony of a bul-let from Thomas Hamilton's guns. Sixteen lay dead, while three fought for their lives and nine, many paralysed with shock, recovered in hospitals near their school, Dunhlane Primary. Henceforth, that will be a name synonymous with mass murder and grief in a way that only Hungerford had been

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Hamilton, a 43-year-old known to the police, strode into the school yesterday morning shortly after assembly and unleashed wave after wave of bullets into the children and their teacher, Gwenne Mayor, before turning one of his four-

The hall was still echoing to the sound of his fury when a de-spairing call was made to the police. Chief Constable William Wilson of the Central Scotland force repeated details of that call with a quivering voice yesterday. He quoted the caller as saying simply: "A

man with a gun is running

amok in Dunblane Primary That man was Hamilton. who had been removed as a Scout leader for "unsuitable bevaviour" yet allowed to set up his own boys clubs, a man who plastered his home with pictures of young boys. A man whose home, according to his

neighbours, was raided by police two years ago: Harbouring a grudge over his ejection from the Scout movement in 1974, Hamilton appears to have chosen maximum violence as a means of

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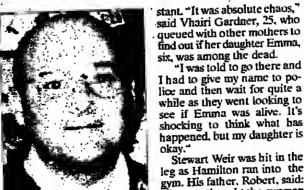
classroom," said Steven Hop-per, an 11 year old survivor of Hamilton's reasoning. "He seemed to come out of the gymnasium and he was just firing at something. He was coming towards me, so I just dived under my desk when he point-

ed and fired at us. "It was pretty scary when he started firing at our classroom window because all the glass smashed in and I got hit by a

The deed was over almost as soon as it had begun. "It could have taken no more than two or three minutes," the Chief Constable said.

The depth of the tragedy was that it involved not just chil-dren, but the smallest children in the school. The authorities gave ont their ages as between four and a half and five and a half. It was as if the precision of the measure was a reflection of their delicate

Outside, desperate, hyster-



see if Emma was alive. It's shocking to think what has happened, but my daughter is Stewart Weir was hit in the leg as Hamilton ran into the

ical parents arrived to await news of their children. The pain was unavoidable, the grief in-

other wee girl. It is lucky the man turned the gun on himself romal school day that ended in honor

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before he got the rest of the straight through you whenev-

"He knows they have been shot but I don't think he really knows the extent of the 'I was told to go there and damage yet."

Last night, as this quiet, well-to-do commuter town for lice and then wait for quite a Edinburgh and Glasgow, was while as they went looking to trying desperately to come to terms with the depth and breadth of its grief, it emerged that it had taken years for Hamilton to sink into bitterness

and insanity. It was in the early 1970s that gym. His father, Robert, said: "Stewart thought the gunman he was thrown out of the Scout movement. A source within the Scout Association said it had "He got hit in the leg so he been approached about him by took a run and just hid with an-

police as recently as 1993. In Kent Road, Stirling, where Hamilton lived alone in a dour three-bedroomed flat, neighbours said he was smart. bespectacled, balding and polite. But there was something

"I always found him very creepy because he would look

very uncomfortable but he seemed very proud of it." lay dead. And a community lay shattered

They were members of the boys clubs he ran at Bannockburn. Tillicutry and Dunblane. According to neighbours, he used to drive them around in a bright yellow 12-seater minibus thought to be owned by Central Scotland Regional Council. It is understood he er he talked lo you," said had had a dispute with the Cathleen Kerr, 71, who lives council in the 1980s over his opposite. "He was having a cup plans to form another boys' of coffee at my house last club called Stirling Rovers. summer when he asked whether I would like to see his

they were his boys doing exer-

cise," she said. "It made me fee!

The reason for Hamilton's descent into madness may be rooted in his fractious relationships with authority. He wanted to be close to young children and there were those who questioned his motives.

Whatever the truth, in his twisted mind he believed he was innocent. And, to prove the point, Buckingham Palace con-firmed last night that he had written to the Queen less than a week ago to say he was the subject of a vendetta by the Scout Association.



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latest photographs. He had a

saw his living room was plas-

tered with photographs of boys

from seven upwards. Some

had no tops on and some were

in swimming trunks on in Loch

thought, 'oh ... what?' ... you know the sort of thing."

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Hamilton, who described

himself as "freelance photog-

rapher" on his tax returns.

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into a photographic and video

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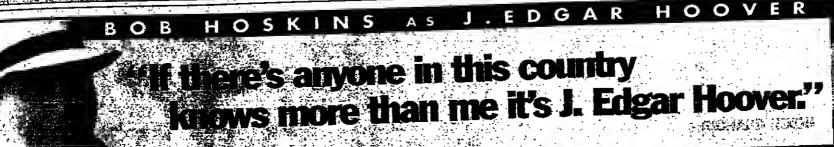
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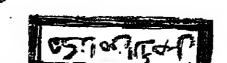
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He must have chased the pupils all over the place, shooting at them till they fell JAMES CUSICK It was a hitterly cold morning

the school gates in Doune Road, Dunhlane. The grass around Dunhlane Primary School was covered with a thip layer of frost and

yesterday when at 8.45am the

usual traffic hegan arriving at

For those in the small town who walked to school, their red pullovers and black trousers or skirts would have been covered up with a decent duffle or heavy coat. Even those ferried to school by mums in cars, especially the infants of Class P1, would have heen well wrapped up. There was the usual gather-

ing of parents exchanging school-gate conversation and the noise of their small sons and daughters breaking into a run towards the playground as the nine o clock start arrived. Dunhlane Primary is a good

school. Happy pupils. Satisfied parents. Dedicated teachers. Yesterday it was business as usual. Ten-year-old Jamie Christie's P6 class hegan their

Wednesday writing test.
For the 29 pupils of Primary
One, taught by Gwenne Mayor, there was a break from their reading and writing lessons.

They headed for the school gymnasium at the back of the low-rise modern school building. Those in the hut classrooms dotted around the main building - huilt to take a growing school population - could look from their desks and see P1 enjoying their games.

There is less than 100 yards hetween the main fence and gates and the two entrances that take you inside Dunhlane Primary. Once inside the main entrance, there is the school office staff working behind a glass partition. Between 9.20 and 9.25am 43-year-old Thomas Hamilton passed through the school gates, walked towards the school office and walked unchallenged into the school cor-

ridors. He lived in Stirling.
As the pupils of Dunblanc were eating their hreakfast vesterday. Hamilton would have left his home.

Had anyone looked closely athim yesterday morning they would have spotted him carrying what looked like hi-tech earmuffs. Few would have recognised them as car protectors used to deaden the noise in gun-cluh galleries.

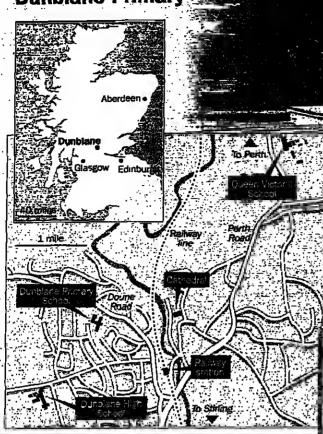
Had Hamilton passed now common in American schools, an alarm would have gone off.

muter town in central Scouland. There was no alarm to detect the four automatic handguns Hamilton was carrying.

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Once inside the school, Hamilton turned sharp right

Countdown to the massacre in **Dunblane Primary**



school dining area into the changing-room area and then hurst through the doors of the

Inside the large hall were the 29 pupils of P1, PE teacher Eileen Harrild and PI's own teacher Gwenne Mayor.

At some point Hamilton must have stopped, and with premeditation, put the mufflers over his ears for protection. What followed next will remain in the minds of those who survived the massacre of the innocents of PI. The time was 9_30am.

John McEwan, 49, who co-ordinated the ambulance operation at the school, was one of the first to see the results of two or three minutes of carnage inside the gymnasium.

"It was like a scene out of a medieval hell torture chamber. The scene inside the school was utterly unbelievable. He must have chased the pupils all over the place, shooting at them till they fell.
"Even if he was an excellent

through the metal detectors shot there's no way he would have got them all if they had

Gwenne Mayor died trying to protect the children in her care. Most of those who died suffered

Mr McEwan added: "What of a five-year-old child who had a hullet hole through his The first call to the police for had a hullet hole through his

arm and couldn't comprehend what had happened. It was just terrible to see his wee face.

The horror did not stop in the gymnasium. Through the glass windows those in the outside huts would have seen and heard

Hamilton must have known where the huts were and went through the gymnasium doors towards them. The time would have been 9.35am.

By now everyone in the school would have been scared. with some screaming. Teachers in the rest of the school told their pupils to hide under their

Within 60 seconds of Hamilton firing on the windows of the huts, he must have chosen to end his own life.

He put the harrel of one of

the automatic guns into his mouth and pulled the trigger. An ambulance man, and a veteran of the horrors of the cleanup after the Lockerhie bombing, found Hamilton lying on the ground. There was no sympathy. "I saw the gunman lying there and a handgun by his side. For the first time in my life I had this overwhelming desire to mutilate that corpse - I know that sounds terrible. I had to really force myself not to kick him as I walked by." The offiwill stick with me for a long time - cer in charge at the said the horis the look of terror on the face ror would leave him and his

was brief: "Man with gun running amok in Dunblane Primary School," The first officers arrived at the school within six minutes of the call. Officers described how they were met by

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"scene of carnage".
Between 9.40am and 10,00am Stirling Royal Infirmary was told it was on a full deal with emergency cases on not aware that there had been

help was just before 9.38am. alert. Parents in Dunhlane he-The police's own alert message gan telephoning each other for al Infirmary admitted 13 chil-Bundy, a taxi driver, who was every scrap of news, good or dren and three adults.

were rushed to the school to work outside the town were still

One pupil died in the hospi-tal, adding to the total of 15 chillances began arriving at the pri- dren and their teacher killed at mary school. Helicopters were the school. Last night at hrought in to hring those ur- 5.30pm, eight hours after the gently injured to hospital. massacre, the police reported that some of the parents who

ry schools in the region. She

eventually took up her position

at Dunhlane primary school in

The civic leader of the Cen-

tral Region Conneil, Convenor Anne Wallace, paid tribute to Mrs Mayor. "She was an expe-

brought up in Dunhlane, spent yesterday ferrying worried parents from their workplaces in Stirling to the school, "Nothing ever happens in Dunblane. My cathedral and this whole thing is disgusting. You can imagine it happening in America or in

The landlord of the nearby Westerton Arms pub, Patrick

Peron, said the town was in a

state of profound shock. "She

was a very cheery woman and

always smiled when I saw her.

A neighbour said: "She was

a very well liked lady. Everyone

round here is in a terrible state.

school, Ron Taylor, was praised hy Central Police Chief Con-

stable William Wilson as a

"tower of strength" to pupils,

Shadow Scottish Secretary

George Robertson paid tribute

to the courage of Mr Taylor. "He has been a hero in cir-

cumstances which other people

would have found unbearable.

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Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth sat in Dunblane ves-terday with his Labour shadow, George Robertson, and frankly admitted: "I cannot find words to express the horror at what has happened in Dunblane here today." On this occasion, in his loss for words, he spoke for both

The two men flew to Scotland together as news emerged of the carnage at Dumblane Primary School. But for Mr Robertson the tragedy came closer to home. "My children went to this school. It's an act of unspeakable brutality and violence.

"It is difficult for anyone here and in the wider world to come to terms with what has happened in this primary school

here today. Wherever it happened, what ever town or community, this act of violence was going to be outrageous. Michael Forsyth and I are political adversaries but we are totally united in our sympathies for the families

What they saw together would haunt them, he said: We saw parents in grief and I think that's the abiding impression that we all got and I don't think I'll ever forget it."

Labour leader Tony Blair was moved almost to tears: "Ido not think that words can really describe the depth of the tragedy and the horror that-

people feel.
These were little children who at the weekend were playing with their brothers and sisters, their mothers and fathers. "They went to school this morning with the whole of their

lives in front of them, and now nothing. The whole nation will unite in grief and in sympathy for them and their families." John Major broke off from international peace talks in Egypt to describe the attack as

"mad and evil". He said: "This is a sickening and evil act that almost passes belief. Those children were in school. They were aware they should have been safe. My heart goes out to the parents.

families and leachers of those who were killed and injured. "No words can express the ... shock and sorrow hrought; about by this mad and evil act".

The Queen issued a message through Mr Forsyth, saying: "I"... was deeply shocked by the appalling news from Dunblane. In asking you to pass my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to the families of all those who were killed or injured, and to the injured themselves, I am sure I ... share in the grief and horror of the whole country."

Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown expressed how difficult it was to grasp the enormity of what had hap pened: "This is a terrible." tragedy and everyone's sympathy will be with the pupils, parents and staff of the school. times like this, it is impossible to find words to express how you. feel. It is just terrible"

Dr George Carey, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, said: "My heart and prayers go out to the families of those who have died and to all those injured and traumntised by this

Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, sent condo-lences "to all the parents, families and staff who are grieving and mourning. They are inmy prayers together with those still in hospital". Bashir Mann, a spokesman

for the Muslim Community in: Scotland, said: "To show our horror at the tragedy in Dunhlane we would like to send our

sympathy to the parents." Tony Newton, leader of the House of Commons, announced that a full statement

would be made in the Commons today. Dunblane's "shock and grief would be shared throughout Britain, he said George Varnava, president of the National Association of

Head Teachers, said: "Schools have taken on many new responsibilities, teachers feel they have to cater for all these needs. The focus is on schools and that makes them vulnerable. "If someone who is clearly

demented is looking for a victim or a group of victims, a school in the community is not with everyone unable to believe only an obvious target but an

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Town pays tribute to talents of highly regarded teacher

PAUL FIELD

The grieving family of teacher Gwenne Mayor were last night struggling to come to terms with her death.

At their home in the nearby town of Bridge of Allan, hus-hand Rodney Mayor was comforting the couple's two student daughters. Esther, 21, and 20-year-old Deborah.

The family were too upset to answer the door of their home and it is understood they were unable to meet a local minister who visited the house yesterday afternoon.

A woman who lives near the tight-knit family said local people coulo not believe what had happened. "They seemed a very nice family and were often seen coming and going. They looked very happy," she said.

Stewart Weir, who was hit in

the leg as the gunman burst into

his school's gym and opened

fire, was recovering in hospital.

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Steven Hopper, a pupil in an-pause and he started again.

"Everyone I know has been numbed at what has happened. You think it happens in places like America - not to someone just across the street who did not seem to have a care in the

cessful teaching career spanning 25 years after qualifying at the Nottingham College of Educa-She taught at Bothkennar pri-

Mrs Mayor, 44, enjoyed a suc-

mary school in the Scottish Central region from 1971-72 before moving to the Bridge of Allan primary school in the town she made her home.

After a career break beginning in 1974 when her first daughter was born, she went back to teaching in August 1980, initially as a teacher of learning support and then as a nursery teacher at two prima-

turned his weapon on the class-

room. As he left the school with

his parents, 11-year-old Steven

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rienced and highly regarded teacher. She shared her musical and art skills as well as her enjoyment of sport with her Stuart Denham, whose fiveyear-old son Scott was a pupil in Mrs Mayor's class said: "She

October 1988.

was an excellent teacher." Mrs Mayor was a squash en-thusiast and played regularly at

deeply shocked at what has

the Bridge of Allan Sports Club. The manager said: "She was a member here. We are happened and our thoughts 'I saw gunman kill my

> "It was pretty scary when he started firing at our classroom and his crews mentally scarred window because all the glass smashed in and I got hit by a piece." the youngster said.
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Mr McEwan, who was also there was a few seconds of a the officer in charge at the Lockerbic air disaster, told how

"The crews came out stunned

at what they had seen. "We have an emergency plan which swings into operation

hut no one was prepared for anything like this. I know it is going to take my crews a very long time to get over what they've seen - if at all John added: "What will stick with me for a long time is the look of terfor on the face of a 5-year-old child who had a bullet hole through their arm and couldn't comprehend what had happened. It was just terrible to see his wee face. The crews returned what had happened."

DEATH IN DUNBLANE

Everyone knows someone who has been affected. It has had an appalling effect

MARY BRAID and

Voice breaking, Gerry McDermott, a school-board member, was struggling, like everyone else in Dumblane yesterday, to find the right words. He tried the usual clichés - nightmare, shock, devastation. He paused. and then eventually said: "My neighbour's daughter was killed this morning. My own children played with Emma as recently as yesterday.

"No one here can believe what has happened. Everyone knows someone who knows someone who has been affected. It has had an appalling affect. His son Gerry, five, was in the

class helow the children who died. Mr McDermott said that he had gone to the school shortly after the shooting after being called by a friend. Police, he said had done their best to tell parents as quickly as possible whether their children were alive, injured or had died. But the wait in a local holel must have been agonising

Words cannot describe the feeling of all the parents involved. Some are in a dreadful state." Emma's mother, he said, was inconsolable

Like the "middle England" description given to Hungerford after the massacre there almost a decade ago, Dunhlane is classically middle Scotland.

The quiet, largely middleclass, small town is an enclosed. community which accepts easily the label of being a comfortable, mostly Conservative, commuter community.

In the streets yesterday there were plenty of tears, and in houses all over the town families gathered round television sets waiting for the next news bulletin, struggling like Gerry McDermott to take in the enormity of the atrocity.

The faces of frantic parents. had spelt out the horror as they ran to Dunblane School not knowing if their children were dead or alive. Less than an hour before, they had kissed their youngsters goodbye at the school gates.

It had been just like any other day until news reports started filtering through of a shooting. In disbelief they strained to hear the details or knocked on neighbours' doors - not wanting to be-

Parents arrived at the school and gave police their names, which were being matched un with children's names. Those were taken to one side.

Churches House in Dunhlane. added: "All of us are in shock and hugging each other and holding each other's hands and trying to support each other. Until you have got your own child back you are not sure."

the tragedy would have on the small town, he said: "Dunblane is a small community and everybody knows everybody else. I think the whole community will pull together, it is that kind of

cordoned off all day yesterday, Edith and Ron Lloyd, both in their seventies, said that their daughter Judith Ballance was devastated by events. She runs a play school in the town and many of the dead children were former charges. "She's in a state of shock." Mr Lloyd said. He added that Mrs Ballance

was trying to explain to her sev-

"Our granddaughter doesn't

id town. "If you could think of a place where this would be less likely to happen, it would be Dunblane," said one woman who lives near the school, "You read about these things in the paper but never here, never

Brian Owen spent more than two hours at the school collecting his son Stuart who was m the nursery.

killed or injured. I am lucky be-cause my children are OK."

whose children had been killed Mr Owen, warden of Scottish

When asked about the impact

Outside the school, which was

en-year-old daughter, a pupil at the school, exactly what had happened. Like the 700 other children who attend the primary, Mrs Ballance's daughter had been unaware of the horrific shooting. The children were protected by teachers from what had happened," said Mr Lloyd. "They were just allowed home this afternoon.

As he left with his Stuart and his daughter Catrina, who had been off school, he said: "You never think it is going to happen to you. Parents are very upset now and very concerned. All our thoughts are with the parents whose children have been

know exactly what has hap- The town was full of horrif-pened. Her mum has just said ic tales. Dumhlane Primary, a



Shocked parents trying to comfort each other outside Dunhlane Primary yesterday morning. Everywhere, there was horrified disbelief

that an ill man came to the school and did harm to the children, and that she won't be seeing some of them again. She's very, very quiet at the moment. She just nodded her head. "It's so awful. The funerals will be terrible. Those 16 little

The town was full of horrif-

two-storey building surrounded by pre-fabricated huts, was eeriquiet yesterday afternoon, but bullet holes could be seen in the windows of the gymnasium at the centre of the school where the killings took place.

Many of those whose houses back on to the school grounds were completely unaware that the shootings had taken place un-

were among the dead and intil they heard the wail of police sirens and helicopters overhead. Joan Kitney, a pensioner, said: "Although I live next to the school, I found out when my

daughter rang me from Ger-many. She had already heard it on the news. In the Westlands Hoiel, where parents had gathered

jured, the regulars spoke in whispers. A group talked about one mother they bad just seen on television. She was distraught," said one woman, "It's absolutely unbelievable".

Her friend said he had heard it on the radio news at work and had immediately jumped in his earlier to hear if their children car to drive hack to Dunblanc.

blocks were already operating. Even when I heard it on the radio, I just could not relate it to Dunblane," he said, "As everyone will Iell you, nothing ever happens here.

When he arrived police road-

Dunblane, if you lived in inner cities of Glasgow or Edinburgh, was regarded as a haven. golf club offered signs of tranquillity and confidence in an oasis of Tory support inside the Secretary of State for Scotland's constituency. But while Hungerford has graduually heen counselled hack to normality and had to accept a new identity, the Scottish community is still in deep shock from the

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In the shocked hours following the Dunhlane shooting, psychiatrists painted a picture of the likely killer. Thomas Hamilton fitted it perfectly.

A gun-loving unemployed loner with an unhealthy interest in children and teenagers, he local government ombudsman, had been a disturbing figure to he was allowed to continue. parents in Dunblane for some. the Scouts more than 20 years ago because of concerns about his conduct he continued courting the company of young people by running his own youth groups for them.

Yesterday, snippets of stories - of photographs he took of semi-naked hoys, the unexplained terror of a former youth club member - were recalled. Thomas Hamilton took over

running the 4/6th Stirling Scout Group in July 1973 only to be kicked out the following year when parents complained after a camp. A Scout Association spokesman said yesterday: "We requested him to hand in his leader's warrant after some complaints about unstable and possibly improper behaviour.

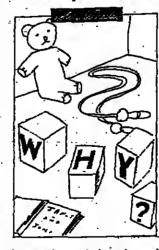
In the following years he made several attempts to resume as Scout leader, all re-buffed, Instead, he formed his own youth groups, including one called the Stirling Rovers for young boys at Dunblanc High School. But he remained anxious to return to the Scouts, Five days ago, he is understood to have written to the Queen to

plead his cause.
A sixth-form pupil at the school said everyone knew of him. The rumours were that he had a dodgy past and a possible record of abuse against

Simon Smiley, 15, recalled how Hamilton liked the boys to stand with their chests pushed out until their ribs showed and that he used to make them run round a hall while he videousped them. Yet after several parents removed boys from the club, he had sent out a letter to parents denving the stories about him.

Grace Ogilvie, who lived shirt and anorak. Freelance near Hamilton's two-bedroom photographer Sandy Leathley, council flat in the Brachead district of Stirling, said he sometimes took the boys on holiday to Loch Lomond in a van. He fell out with the local authorities in 1984 when he was refused permission to use a hall for his youth group. On appeal to the

Stirling regional councillor years. After being kicked out of Frena Davidson, who lives in Dunblane, said there had been growing concern from parents say". A local journalist told in recent years. It is understood that twice, in 1993 and 1994, local police made inquiries about his activities. "Apparently, what he did latterly was to make the



boys strip to their waist and change into striped underpants and then he would take photographs of them before they mbarked on their sports ac-

tivities," she said. "Some boys seemed to enjoy the club, but others didn't and their parents took them away. One mother who spoke to me-about him said that her son was frightened just to see him, but he would never tell her why.

Police and the council were aware of the disquiet, "but we couldn't prove anything and there was nothing we could do", the councillor said. Ii was not only parents who

clined. "He seemed to me to be very proud that he had the guns," Mr Leathley said. Acquaintances described him as a "non-mixer, a hit of an oddhall who never had much to how she had been unhappy to give publicity to his clubs. "He made your flesh crawl," she said. He once belonged to the local gun club.

photographer Sandy Leathley, 27, was employed by Hamilton

for six weeks two years ago for

work including taking pictures of boys at the clubs he ran. He

told how Hamilton once offered

to show him handguns and live

ammunition, an offer he de-

In Cowane Street, Dunblane. where Hamilton ran a DIY shop until the early 1980s, a fellow shopkeeper described him as a private person with no friends. He had not been well liked. His prices were very high ... We had differences in the

way we conducted our businesses. But he did well enough from his husiness to make a good living for himself and drive a nice car."

Psychiatrists sav mass killers tend to harbour a grudge, to feel rejected and resentful. Last night, Hamilton's state of mind was unknown. His connection to Dunblane primary school was a mystery. Details of his personal life unconfirmed.

Yet there was perhaps one clue to his most recent thinking in reports that just five days ago he had written to the Queen accusing the Scout Association of mounting a campaign to sul-ly his reputation. Twenty-two years after his Scout leader's warrant was withdrawn - eight since the last time it is known he re-applied for it - the refusal seems to have gnawed away at him. In his lerter, he is thought to have accused the Scout movement of maladministration and claimed the council had prevented him from carrying out

"valuable" youth work But as Hamilton lay dead yesterday, fears and suspicions about him had proved all too saw something disturbing in the bespectacled man in white accurate.



to explain the unexplainable James Cusick on There have been enough mass killings for psychiatrists around the world to adopt a classifica-

Psychiatrists try

tion that helps them try to explain the unexplainable.

Dr Clive Meux, a consultant forensic psychiatrist at Broad-moor Hospital and a senior lecturer in forensic psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry in London, described yesterday as "an appalling tragedy".

Mass killings like Dunblane, he said, have heen split in recent years into three hroad groups: mass murders, spree killings, and serial killings. The mass homicides at Dunblane will fit into one of the first two. "At Hungerford," said Dr Meux, "Michael Ryan killed his

victims in more than one place. That is categorised as a spree. But this killer appears to have shot all his victims in one place so this is a mass murder. One of psychiatry's most studied mass murders was the

McDonald's massacre in the United States where 40 people were shot and 21 died. We now divide these killings into three further sub-groups, said Dr Meux. The pseudocommando is generally a younger man, obsessed with fire arms ... The second group

is the psychotic killer, general-

But a lot of such killers are not

how mass killers can be classified schizophrenia." The third group

is called "set and run" killers. who plan their murders. Dr Meux said: "Difficult as it may be to understand, some individuals who carry out such killings are not suffering from

mental illness. This man may

not have an illness, yet we ask why did he do this? We can't There would have been no dispute among psychiatrists, he said, about his problems, "He would have had problems with communication, probably would not have talked, he

would have displaced his feelings. He would have put his problems elsewhere, put them somewhere perhaps where they had no real relevance, such as this school and these youngsters. And his suicide indicated he would have been severely depressed." Like Dr Meux, Professor Pc-

ter McGuffin, of the Universiof Wales College of Medicine, warned against merely assuming madness. "Fortunately these mass killings are so rare that no single psychiatrist or police expert has enough ex-

Face of fear: Parents gathering at Dunblane primary school Photograph: Drew Farrell mentally ill. Not all suffer from Killing spree followed established pattern

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The shooting dead of 16 children and a teacher is Britain's biggest mass murder involving

a gurman. It eclipses the Hungerford massacre, in which Michael Ryan gunned down 16 people in 1987, and is the latest incident in an alarming trend of attacks involving schools.

Yesterday's deaths make Thomas Hamilton Britain's third biggest mass murderer, not only killing more people than Ryan but also more than Dennis Nilsen, who killed 16 people and hid their bodies at his cern over violence in and

home in North London, Peter around schools. In December Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, who took 13 lives, and Fred West who killed at least 12.

The country's biggest mass killer remains John Thompson, who murdered killed 37 people after he set light to The Spanish Club, in London, in revenge for being overcharged for a rum and coke. He was jailed for life in 1981.

Mary Ann Cotton poisoned 20 people with arsenic, including three hushands, children, step-children, friends and relatives with arsenic. She was

hanged in 1873. Dunblane follows rising con-

headteacher Philip Lawrence was stabbed to death outside his school in West London as he tried to help one of his pupils who was heing attacked. In 1994 a man armed with a replica gun and a knife burst into a elassroom at Hall Garth School, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, and stabbed to death a 12-

was jailed for life in December for manslaughter. Hamilton's spree follows a

well-established pattern involving lone gunmen. Similar apparently random killings have occurred throughout the world

year-old girl and wounded two

others. Stephen Wilkinson, 31,

over the past decade. In New Zealand in 1990 11 people were side New York City, and ranshot dead in Aramoana, which has a population of just 90.

In September last year 16 people were killed in the southem French town of Cuers when a French teenager ran amok with a rifle. Eric Borel, 16, who committed suicide after the spree, had argued with his parents over where he should live. In June of the same year a 24-

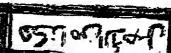
year-old army shooting instructor killed seven people, including five women, in the central Swedish town of Falun. In December 1993 a gunman walked through the aisle of a

packed rush-hour commuter

domly shot at passengers, killing four people and wounding at Five months earlier a man carrying two scmi-automatic

side New York City, and ran-

weapons, a handgun and a hag with hundreds of bullets walked into a law firm in San Francisco and opened fire, killing nine A man armed with an auto matic weapon slammed his truck into a Texas cafeteria 1991 in the town of Killeen and opened fire on the lunch-time crowd, killing 23 people. The gunman then went into a toilet and killed himself.



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LIZ HUNT Health Editor Specialist teams of crisis support

workers were last night helping the victims of the Dunblane massacre deal with the aftermath of the tragedy, as experts warned of the far-reaching effects on families and emergone, workers

Within hours of the shootings major incident teams from Stirling - established after the Lockerbie disaster and comprising psychologists, social workers and psychiatric nurses - were on hand, and those in Edinburgh and Glasgow on sland-by.

Dr James Thomson, senior lecturer in psychology at University College, London, and director of a trauma stress clinic, said they would be under intense pressure to deal with the "high levels of traumatisation among people in the school, both children and adults".

Marion Gibson, a social experience of the Irish troubles. syndrome. She joined other ex-

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been dreading," she said last night, "It is a landmark tragedy. No amount of training can prepare for the death of so many very young children, for so much tragedy. You have to go back to the Aberfan tragedy in

1906 to find something similar." Psychological "first aid" will he offered initially, said Mrs Gibson, who works for the South and East Belfast Health and Social Services Trust. "Love, comfort, and trust are the foundations for counselling for the future. The little children are vulnerable. They have no frame of reference, not even the language to describe what has

Mrs Gibson also warned of the "ripple" effect of such a tragedy, which has serious consequences for those not directly touched by it and puts them worker with more than 20 years at risk of post-traumatic stress

called on to help, according to which children are helped to TACT (Trauma After Care Trust). "People are in shock. They won't be receptive to counselling when what they re-ally need is comfort and answers to questions such as 'where

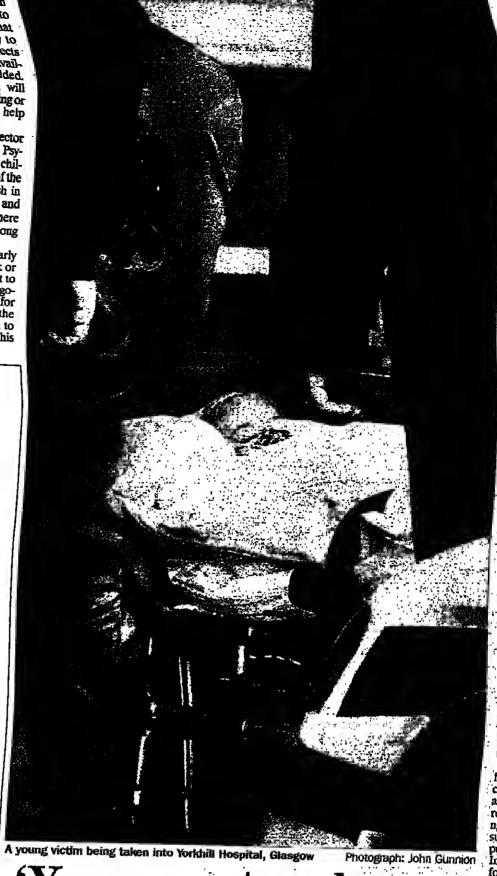
can I see my child's body'. The number of children involved - there were 700 at Dunblane Primary School present special problems for support workers. Dr Dora Black, a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist, and director of an NHS Traumatic Stress Clinic in London said yesterday. "Very young children can be as traumatised as older ones. They have less cognitive

understanding," she said. However, Dr Black said psychiatrists will draw on the pioneering work of Professor Robert Pynoos, a Californian psychiatrist who studied an incident in a Los Angeles School

process and understand what they have seen - is the key to limiting the destructive effects of trauma and should be available to all involved, she added. Of these, a proportion will need treatment - counselling or very rarely drugs - to help them recover.

Peter Hodgkinson, a director of the Centre for Crisis Psychology, whose team help children cope with the impact of the M40 school mini-bus crash in 1993 which left 12 children and their teacher dead, said there would be a lot of "fear" among the children.

They may regress to early childhood fears of the dark or become clingy and not want to be left alone, he said. "It is go-ing to he very much a test for the adults around them, the teachers and their families, to be able to deal with all of this



'You cannot make our schools a safe haven'

DOUL HIIGUL **Education Editor**

No amount of security measures can protect schools against a determined gunman, heads and teachers said yesterday.

A government working party on school security set up after the death of Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster, is expected to review arrangements to protect schools against intruders. Earlier this month the Government proposed new legislation to give police powers to search pupils for weapons on school premises.

Some schools have tightened

security since an intruder knifed a pupil at Hall Garth School, Middlesbrough, two years ago. More schools are insisting that visitors sign in and passes and hadges have been introduced. At Hall Garth, the side door through which the killer entered has become exit-only and there

is closed circuit television.

those in inner cities, go further. The Archbishop Tenison school, in Lambeth, south London, has a 15ft barbed wire fence and only one open entrance: all the others are protected by elec-tronic entry phones. Closed cir-cuit television monitors the premises day and night. The measures cost £37,000. Brian Jones, the head said they had proved effective hut added: "If

of devastation, I don't think there is anything you can do."
Many schools outside cities, specially primary schools, have done little to fortify themselves. Some are hampered by their de-

sign. Others by a wish to remain welcoming to the community. John Dunford, president of the Secondary Heads Associa-tion, said: "Those who designed schools and colleges over the last 50 years did not foresee these possibilities. Some schools have been deliberately designed

Some schools, especially not to be secure." He said a school in Coventry was designed so that the public could walk through it on their way through a shopping precinct.

Yet there is a growing recog-nition that schools will have to change. Mr Dunford's association has just produced a booklet which advises heads to examine a series of security measures: doors which open only from the inside, security cameras and a single entrance.

someone is hell bent on that sort The two main teachers unions differ over safety in schools. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said: "Unless schools are seen to be ughtening up maniacs will see schools as a soft target."

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said the incident should be kept in perspective.
We don't want to make schools fortresses," he said.

Fears of new gun culture beyond the law

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The massacre at Dunblanc was carried out with the use of four handguns - weapons that are among hundreds of thousands of legally and illegally held facarms in Britain.

News that firearms have been used in another murder comes amid police warnings of a growing gun culture in the United Kingdom. Nine people were shot dead in 1994 and police recorded about 13,000 officaces in which firearms were reportedly used. In 1994 there were 140,200 certificates issued for firearms and 670,000 for shotguns. Estimates of illegally held firearms, vary from 500,000 to more than one million. Critics say it is still too easy

for anyone to obtain a licence for a firearm to be used in a gun chub and the Firearms Consultative Committee, which advises the Government has recommended more is done to stop psychologically disturbed people obtaining firearms.

Currently applicants for certificates have to satisfy the police that they will not be used to endanger the public. Anyone with a criminal record or is consider mentally unstable are likely to be barred.

The laws on the possession of firearms were tonghened after Michael Ryan killed 16 people in Hungerford before shooting himself. Ryan fired 119 shots in a one-hour rampage in 1987 with an MI carbine, Kalashnikov rifle and Beretta pistol through the Berkslire town.

The Firearms Act 1988 has forced anyone seeking a licence for a firearm, other than a shotgun, to provide a good reason to the police for wanting a weapon. Certain guns, such as self loading rifles and pump action rifles were banned. In 1994 the maximum sentence. for the illegal possession of a was increased from

three to five years.
Despite these changes the police believe there has been a steady increase in the number of people willing to turn to guns for power and violence. Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, recently told the Home Affairs Select Committee about his fears of an emerging gun culture among teenage gangs.

Many weapons are being hrought in from Eastern Enrope, with wars in places such as the former Yugoslavia pro-

viding a ready supply.

Police chiefs and the Home Office are considering a national guns amnesty to try to reduce the number of illegally held arms. In the last amnesty after Hungerford, 48,000 firearms were surrendered.

The guns industry estimates there are 400,000 unlicensed handguns and 120,000 rifles. The police have estimated that there are up to 190,000 illegal

pump-action shotguns.

A Home Office spokesman said: "Our gun laws are among the toughest in Europe, but we will consider any measures that can help further tackle the

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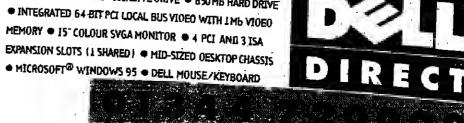
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Mawhinney bid to stop rot over EU referendum

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, explicitly promised for the first time that the Government would not hold a referendum on European issues wider than the single currency. in a clear effort to reduce the risks of a Cabinet split.

Amid speculation that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, might be prepared to quit the Cabinet if it votes for a singlecurrency referendum, Dr Mawhinney moved to crase any suspicion that ministers were seeking to appease Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. He led a ministerial effort to ensure the looming Cabinet showdown on the referendum issue did not lead to Mr Clarke's resignation by making it clear that any referendum pledged by the Government would be limited to the circumstances of a Cabinet deci-

sion to enter a single currency. This went some way to meeting one objection to a referendum promised being canvassed by some pro-European MPs

first stage of a "slippery slope" to other concessions to the Euro-sceptic right, including other referendums and possibly a commitment not to join a single currency in the next parliament. In terms which fell short

of an explicit and formal denial that he could yet see the single currency referendum issue as a resigning matter, the Chancelfor reacted to reports that he might resign by saving that he had spoken to no journalists-nor had any friends." Some allies of Mr Clarke ar-

gued vesterday that the Chancellor was not isolated on the issue and that Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, agreed with his objections to promising a referendum. though it was far from clear how far he is prepared to push his

Meanwhile, the party chairman told Westminster reporters in a clear rebuff to the demands of Sir James for a comprehensive referendum on Europe before or at the time of the general election that the "Conservative Party would not

yesterday - that it could be the change its views on these matters as a result of the interven-

tion of any fringe party."

He said the Maastricht
Treaty, which Sir James wants to be an issue in the referendum he is seeking, had been ratified three years ago after a "full and intensive" debate. He added: "There is no case

for reopening the debates on Maastricht. It is a settled matter. There will be no referendum on it." He also ruled out any referendum on the conclusions of the forthcoming intergovernmental

conference on the EU on the grounds Britain would oppose any significant constitutional change at the conference. Instead, in a speech cleared in advance by senior ministers including Mr Clarke, he re-peated that the Cabinet was considering the circumstances

might not be appropriate." Earlier Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, who also opposes a referendum commitment, said he was confident Mr Clarke would not resign on the

in which a referendum might or



Lighting-up time: Lord Mason and fellow members of the Lords and Commons Pipe and Cigar Smokers' Club mark National No Smoking Day Photograph: Philip Meech

The Book of Rifkind, he argued, had failed to mention the real scourges - such as monetary union'

Purgatory of sect education on Europe

The end of a millennium is a grand time for sects. With all of us feeling antsy about destiny, fate and God, grouplets dedicated to warning of man's imminent doom and damnation pick up more support than usu-al. Most of the time such people are restricted to appearances at Speaker's Corner, arguiog with militant Vegans about which will get us:

first – proteins or Beetzebubb But yesterday was different Courtesy of an early-morant slot at the Commons, Christo pher Gill, Sceptic member for Ludlow, introduced a motion designed to draw our attention to impending destruction. For 25 years, he chillingly pointed out, politicians had duped the public, while they carried out their hidden agenda. "The endgame, which many of us have long suspected, is nothing less than a United States of Europe!" The day of reckoning

could not long now be delayed.
All around him there was assent. Anti-EU flagellants, chiliasts and monks of various hues agreed. The Gormanites nodded vigorously: the ascetic, ton-sured The Shepherd Is My Lord group smiled wanly Julin Wilkinson looked on with priestly, tolerant sadness.

Only Tony Marlow, last descendant of the merger between the Knights of the Tentonic Order and the Ranters -clad in the navy-blue shirt and buckled shoes of his calling -stood to interrupt Mr Gill. The Book of Rifkind, he argued, had failed to mention the real scourges - such as monetary union (a perverted joining together of currencies). Which was theologically unsound, be-cause Rifting was about the IGC, the IGC was about Maastricht, Maastricht was about monetary union, therefore the IGC was about monetary union,

which meant that ... and so on-Unfortunately for the elect, member of the doggedly damned had infiltrated their convocation, in the shape of Andrew McKinlay, Labour member for Thurrock. A former trade-union official, who cannot see a soap-box without quening up for a turn on it, he was determined to have his say.

To describe his speech as discursive would be to suggest a structure and discipline that were simply not present. It was in the best tradition of tradeunion branch meetings, where the local autodidact, fresh from reading encyclopedias at the .library, decides to share his newly gleaned wisdom with his despairing comrades. All of it.
Whatever the subject.
To be fair, Mr McKinlay had

a theme - Europe - but that was the extent of his coherence. Joined and abutted with phras-Joined and abutted with phrases like "it needs to be made quite clear", "what I want to say" and "if I might say so", his contribution took us from Mrs Thatcher in Missouri (quoting Churchill's 1946 speech), praised Britain's "lovely Particular of the covered air-traffic liament", covered air-traffic control, paused at the portfolios of EU Commissiooers, disof EU Commissioners and concluded, triumphantly, on the question of capping the number of languages that might be simultaneously translated

in the European Parliament. Then, with a satisfied smile suggesting that - whatever the reaction of other MPs - he had just received an internal standing ovation, he resumed his seat.

Alas for the sects, worse was to come. Their by now flagging enthusiasm was further diminished by a speech of studied tedium and pomposity delivered by former Paymaster General, Sir John Cope. Where Mr McKinlay shared uninteresting new information with the House, Sir John reminded it of boring things it already knew. M Mitterrand had gone, he revealed. And M Chirac had taken over. Herr Kohl was still there, Sir John said, but Señor Gonzalez was not.

And nor, by the time he had finished, were most of the cult members. They had just had a -true vision of Purgatory, and frankly, it hadn't been the fun that they'd expected.

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to last into the next century.

The vehicles will replace the existing Scimitar vehicles wide-

y used in Bosnia and the Gulf

War. The announcement fol-

lows meetings last week with the French and German govern-

ments at which it was also de-

cided Britain would join the

European Armaments Agency. Britain has been contributing to

the agency for several years and

is now fully committed to join. Murder case divorce

Eddie Browning, 42, who spent six years in jail after being

wrongfully convicted of murder, is to divorce his wife Julie be-cause of the mental stress

caused by the case. The former

Welsh Guardsman was freed two years ago after the Court of Appeal ruled that his conviction

for murdering pregnant house-wife Marie Wilkes on the M50 was unsafe and unsatisfactory. £5m gallery bill

Britain's new £106m gallery of modern art could cost taxpayers up to £5 million a year. The

proposed Tate Gallery of Mod-

ern Art on London's Bank-

side, which has already been

given £50m of National Lottery

cash, will cost £10m a year to

run. Around £4-5 million will

need to come from either the

Government, private benefac-

Village shops, housing and

small businesses will benefit

from new government plans to

support the rural economy of Wales. Welsh Secretary William Hague announced a £7.5m fund

for low-cost home ownership and more rented accommoda-

tors or commercial sponsors. Rural revolution



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Technology throws GCSEs into chaos

GCSE technology courses are in chaos. Schools cannot afford to the timetable, headteachers said vesterday.

With many pupils about to choose their GCSE options, heads are warning that the introduction of compulsory technology from September will mean some pupils have to drop history and geography.

Cause of

disco boy's

illness

'baffles'

police

The mystery of a schoolboy's serious illness, which atarted after a party, deepened yester-

day as scientists were still unable.

James Fountain, 16, has been

a patient at St Luke's Psychiatric Hospital, Middleshrough, Cleveland, since he was taken

there in a "hallucinogenic, psy-chotic state" after an hotel dis-

co more than five weeks ago.

spiked in revenge for his known

anti-drugs campaigning said yes-terday that tests of samples tak-

en from him had found no trace

of ecstasy, LSD, cocaine, hero-

Barry Peart, who is leading the inquiry, said he was "baffled" by

the results, but James, of Hartlepool, Cleveland, had possibly

been given "some other rogue

substance" as yet unidentified.

variety of drugs, as well as al-cohol, were widely available at

the £6-a-head party attended by hundreds of independent-

school pupils at Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield, Co Durham.

youngsters had drunk a cocktail of left-overs from glasses and bottles left on tables which

that James, a pupil at Yarm School, had joined in, although

he had apparently drunk three

youngsters at the party had

bought tablets. Some contained

nothing more harmful than

sugar, but others, of unknown

origin, contained compounds

such as rat poison or household

scouring agents, and that was a

particularly worrying feature of many drugs transactions. He added: "James is still

unwell in hospital and exactly

how long he will temain there

He said that one positive

result of the inquiry was the

"substantial amount of infor-

mation officers had collected

and collated about both the sup-

ply and the suppliers of drugs

to schoolchildren. The response

Police were now following "a

number of other lines of

from the public had been "very

positive," he said.

inquiry," he added.

Det Chimsp reart said i

made some of them ill. But there was no evidence

or four pints of lager.

Detectives were told some

Investigators found that a

Detective Chief Inspector

in or amphetamines.

Police working on the theory

to identify what caused it.

The National Association of Headteachers has written to Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, to say there are not enough qualified teachers, suitable rooms or equipment for

the new requirements.

And a study to be published shortly by Alan Smithers, professor of policy research at Brunel University, shows the amount schools have to spend on technology varies from 40p per pupil per year to more

than £21. Peter Williams, head of Shavington High School, Crewe, said: "Next week I have two parents' evenings. I have never before been so uncertain about what to advise parents."

Technology has been in tur-moil ever since the Government made it a national curriculum subject in 1988. There were five different versions of the tech-nology curriculum before the current one was finally agreed. It was introduced last year but some schools are still teaching

the original version. From this September all pupils will have to take either a short or full GCSE technology course and at least a

short modern languages course. Heads are worried that the curriculum will become narrower and less balanced. Mr Williams said: There are two categories of despair. Those schools which cannot deliver technology because they do not have the resources and those which will not because they

es or they don't want technology to squeeze out other subjects. 'At this school we have decided to offer full courses in techcology and modern languages. That means that, for the first time, some pupils will have to drop history and geography. A lot of parents are asking why their children have to do technology."

Some heads tried to introduce "shot" technology courses this year and found they took longer than the 5 per cent of the Pupils found them unfulfilling and are unlikely to be able to continue at A-level with a subjeet in which they have done a hort course. Heads also fear employers will dismiss them. Professor Smithers said his

survey of 344 schools found the Government had targeted moncy for technology at its new tech-nology schools but even some of these complained of a shortage of money. One grant-maintained school was having to rely on col-lecting items from industrial skips for technology materials. But Dr Nick Tate, chief exec-

utive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said shortage of resources had not stopped 450,000 pupils taking GCSE technology last year. He said: "I find it hard to imagine how a national curriculum for a highly developed industrialised society such as ours cannot include at least an element of continuing study of technology, an area which is shaping all our lives for better or worse.

'Wrong patients put in high care units'

Up to 50 per cent of patients in intensive care units do not need

They warned that the current

In addition up to 20 per cent of patients in acute surgical beds on general wards would do as well in "patient hotels", now be-

Anaesthetists are calling for a review of how patients are ared for after surgery, with the introduction of "graduated patient care" which, the colleges say, would save the NHS hun-

cient use of resources.

tifies patients who need IC and 1412 dragged her through things like 'Come on Mrs A steelworker who suffered a different person now - short with at least one nurse for benefit from care in high dependency units (HDU), an intermediate level of care: and patients who are suitable for general surgical wards, and a convalescent or hotel unit for clinically stable patients able to

> Stephen Dorrell, the Secreweek gave his backing to an exthe crisis in intensive care which has seen desperately ili patients shuttled around hospitals. In 1995 the National Confiilential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths highlighted the

working party which reviewed care levels, said: "This is longoverdue. We have a situation in 1996 in which 85 per cent of large, acute, NHS hospitals have only two levels of post-operative care [IC and general] when there should be three. The daily cost of an IC bed to the NHS is hetween £1,200-£1,500; an HDU hed £400-500;

and a bed on a general surgical ward between £200-£250. Report of the Joint Working

such a high level of care and could be treated on other wards to free urgenily needed heds. senior doctors said yesterday.

dreds of thousands of pounds.
A joint working party which studied eight hospitals concluded that this model was the most cost-effective and effi-

Graduated patient care idenlook after themselves.

surgeon and member of the Royal College of Surgeons'

shortage of beds meant that about 7 per cent of patients who need intensive care (IC) were being looked after on general wards, which could compromise their safety, while scores of operations were cancelled at the last minute as IC heds intended for post-operative patients were taken up by emergency admissions.

ing provided by small number of hospitals around the country.

The Royal College of Sur-geons and the Royal College of

tary of State for Health, last pansion of HDUs to alleviate lack of HDUs nationally. David Crosby, a consultant

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tion. Village stores and post of-fices will enjoy a special rates relief scheme, and planning rules will be relaxed to maximise the use of land for new business. **Electricity chaos**

Thousands of homes in Scotland were without power for a

second day as engineers battled to repair damage left in the wake of fierce hlizzards, Hydro-Electric said 4,500 customers were still cut off with problems mainly concentrated around southern Grampian and northem parts of Tayside. The snow brought traffic chaos with thousands of drivers forced to make detours to avoid worst-hit areas.

Where there's muck A Welsh slag-heap is to be prescrved as part of a heritage area. A High Court judge in London ruled that the Finger Tip -

500,000 tons of waste from the furnace of a now defunct ironworks near Merthyr Tydfil - was an integral part of a site of worldwide significance in terms of industrial archaeology". The land's owner failed to overturn a compulsory purchase order. THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

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PC in £20m gold smuggling case walks free from court ter, faced up to seven years in on three tons of the precious of someone who should have against conviction. Sentence against her fellow conspirator,

her former policeman father into a £20m gold smuggling operation, sobbed with relief when a judge let her walk free from court yesterday. Lucie Gilmore, 25, a proba-

courier for cross-Channel trips to buy high purity bullion, covered her face after being given 240-hours of community service. The West Mercia officer, who has a six-month-old daugh-

REBECCA FOWLER

The solicitor who dragged a

woman out of his office and on

to the street denied yesterday in

court that he was a "pompous

hully" and said he treated her

The incident in which the wife

of a wealthy self-made proper-

ty developer was thrown onto

the street and then nimed to the

floor when she returned for her

fur coat, took place at Child and

Child's offices in Belgravia.

The row had developed after

Allen Chubb, 52, a senior part-ner, told Laura Harold, 32, he

refused to give her or her hus-

band a copy of the deeds to their

£1m home nearby in Chester

Square, until a disputed bill for

When Mrs Harold, 5ft 2in and

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motion. He accused Mrs Harold

of then charging rugby-style back into the offices, and said

he restrained her until she

assault with actual bodily harm

and false imprisonment in a pri-

vate prosecution brought by

Mrs Harold at the Inner Lon-

the jury yesterday he was sur-

prised when Mrs Harold arrived

alone at his office, following a

visit earlier that morning from

her husband. Michael, while he

himself was still at home. But

he insisted he only used "rea-

sonable force" in ejecting her.

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He said: "I knew it was im-

don Crown Court Court, told

Mr Chubh, who is accused of

agreed to leave quietly.

metal, that what she had done was "very serious". He said: "It must have seemed pretty glam-

Quick on the draw: Pavement artists in Covent Garden yesterday put the finishing touches to a giant map highlighting English Heritage sites. Work began at midnight and was erased at 10,30am after being used to publicise English Heritage's summer season of over 400 special events

Photograph: Edward Sykes

Lawyer denies acting like | Burned worker

'pompous bully' in attack | wins £500,000

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special constable, was asked

by Jonathan Goldberg QC, for

the prosecution, whether he

would have done the same to

Mr Harold, he said he might

have done. He denied he was

"self-important". "officious",

"pompous", and a "bully", who

He said he had been sur-

prised to discover that Mrs

Harold was bruised all over her

hody. "I was expecting her to

have some bruising to her legs,"

he said. The other marks on

her body were a surprise to me

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accident seven years ago has

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Peter Black, 46, a machine

driver, was in hospital for 10

weeks after molten metal and

slag splashed over him, burning

his head, body and arms, at

Scunthorpe steelworks in July

1989. He had to undergo 11

operations, including plastic

surgery, but has been left per-

manently disfigured. He also has

difficulty walking and will

The award of £512,000 against Appleby Slag Reduction Ltd and British Steel is believed

to be a record for an industri-

Mr Black, who is married

with a 15-year-old daughter, said

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life and soul of the party, but I'm involvement was "very minor"

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was announced yesterday.

Shropshire, remains suspended stabulary pending an appeal

Surrinder Kumar, a 32-vear-old Gilmore, of Bridgnorth, jeweller, was adjourned.

Gilmore's father, Michael, 53. was jailed for two years after admitting a conspiracy charge.

He said the past seven years had

been a "nightmare". "The mon-

ey is nice, but it can never

make up for what has happened.

It's not like winning the pools

– I can't even jump up and down to celebrate."

by the GMB general union. Re-

gional secretary Steve Pickering

said: "This was a horrific acci-

dent and Mr Black's life has

heen blighted. The court ruled

that the employers were negli-

gent in the way they managed

the plant and that the accident.

like most industrial accidents,

The claim for compensation

was originally taken to the High

Court, but was delayed because

the employers' side appealed.

A spokesman for Appleby

could have been avoided."

Mr Black's case was taken up

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Defence review: MoD denies job campaign is 'insensitive'

RAF axes thousands as Army goes hiring

ROS WYNNE-JONES

More than 5,500 RAF redundancies were announced yesterday in the biggest single cut in personnel since the end of the Second World War. But the move came as the Armed Forces Minister, Nicholas Soames, launched the Army's new recruitment campaign, designed to fill 15,000 vacancies.

The cuts are the first phase of a plan outlined in the Front Line First Review through which the Ministry of Defence aims to equip the RAF for "defence after the fall of the Berlin Wall". The review, in 1994, unveiled 8,600 losses as part of a programme to cut the size of the RAF from 89,000 in 1989 to 52,200 at the turn of the

of yesterday's Army recruitment drive - in which a massive advertising campaign includ-ing thousands of hillboards will seek personnel able "to comhine comhat readiness with compassion" – was insensitive.

A spokesman said the RAF

would be recruiting 3,200 people this year and by 1999 at least 5.000 per year, while the Army needed15,000 recruits this year. We need to continue recruiting to keep a balanced air force in the years ahead," he said. This meant that some men and women who had asked for voluntary redundancy had not been allowed to take it and that over 1.000 of the redundancies

Many johs would be lost in engineering and catering due to

The MoD denied the timing a long-term government policy of contracting out non-uniform jobs, the MoD said.

This could mean that an engineer might lose his joh in the RAF but continue doing the same job for a private sector company," said a spokesman.

Redundancy terms are relatively lucrative. An Air Vice-Marshal with 21 months left to serve would receive around £145,000 made up of pension payments, a terminal grant and a special "golden handshake".

There is concern within the RAF about the impact of the cuts - which include more than 200 air-crew and around a dozen top officers of the rank of Air Commodore and above. on the morale and operational effectiveness of the air force, as well as on aircraft safety.

An MoD spokesman said: We can't deny there won't be associated problems,

"These cuts are the largest we can remember and obviously that is going to have an effect on people. As in any job, people are concerned about employment prospects and stability.

The spokesman added that there were still good reasons for joining the air force, including the "opportunity to receive excellent training, acquire a vari-ety of skills and travel overseas".

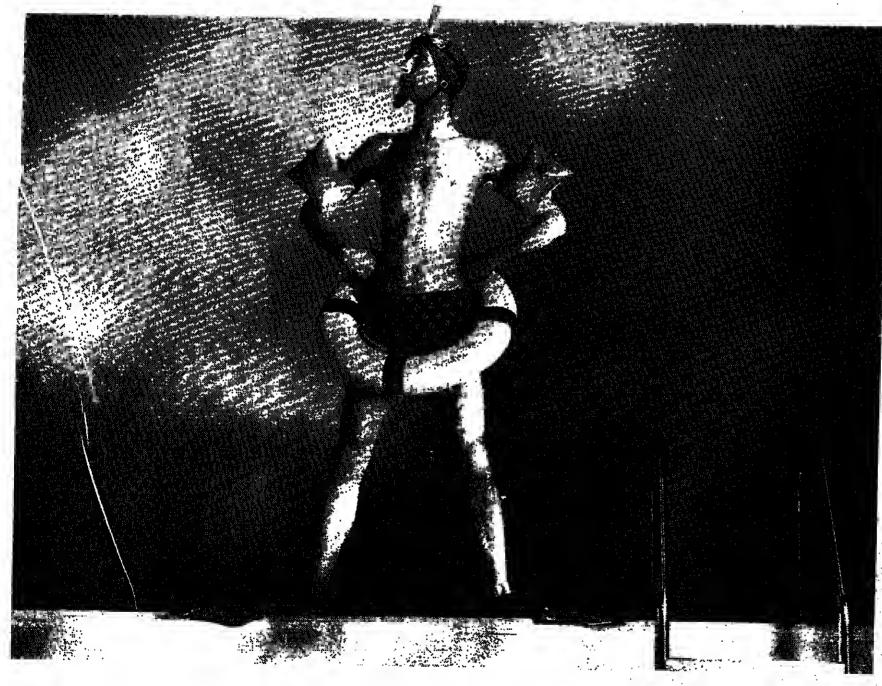
Mr Soames was yesterday officially opening the Royal Marines Barracks at Chivenor, Devon, the new home of the Commando Logistic Regiment Royal Marines and of 59 Independent Commando Squadron



Sweet celebration: The food historian Peter Brears polishing a jelly mould in the kitchen at Harewood House near Leeds, which has been restored for visitors in time for a jelly festival in May

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Mawhinney sees hope in boundaries

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, yesterday made the most optimistic forecast yet of the number of seats the Tories are set to gain from the redrawing of parliamentary boundaries.

Dr Mawhinney's insistence that the changes would deliver an extra 20 seats at the next elec-not arguing that Conservative tion significantly outstrips pre-support is at record levels or that dictions by leading electoral

The claim to a parliamentary press gallery lunch was ridiculed by John Prescott, Lahour's

deputy leader. The Tory party chairman also extolled the virtue of winning elections on a minority share of the vote, declaring, "Even in 1983 and 1987, when we won landslide victories, a good 58 per cent of those who voted sup-

ported other parties. work for every vote that we can get, we do not need to win over everyone - or even most people - in order to win."

On the boundary changes, Dr Mawhinney said the Conservatives would have achieved an overall majority of 41 instead of 21 had they been in place at the 1992 election.

But Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher of Plymouth University put the figure at just 27 - a difference of six in the overall majority over all other parties. The psephologist working majority."

Robert Waller, anthor of the The Almanac of British Politics, put the figure at 32.

Mr Prescott said the party chairman's claims reached "new depths of self-delusion . . . To give the impression that the Conservatives can't lose the next election smacks of traditional Tory complacency and

ontempt for the electorate."
Dr Mawhinney said: "I am a Government leading a country which has been through a fough recession and naturally disliked tax increases is wildly popular. What I am saying is that we are in a stronger underlying electoral position than

some commentators assume." Dr Mawhinney said the Conservatives had "thus far" kept quiet about the impact of the new boundaries, "but our own assessment is that the changes will be worth an extra 20 seats

Mr Prescott challenged Dr Mawhinney to say why, if he be-lieved the Tories could not lose. he went on the "chicken run". exchanging his current Peterborough seat for Cambridge North West.

"Of the new boundaries Mr Mawhinney is so pleased with, Peterborough is the Tories' 93rd most vulnerable seat. If the Tories lose Peterborough, as Mr Mawhinney expects, Labour will be forming the next Government with a comfortable.

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Ministers set to extend laws on terrorism

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Michael Howard is expected today to underline Britain's readiness to extend anti-terrorist

legislation following the review called for yesterday by the Prime Minister at the Middle East peace conference in Egypt.
A Private Members Bill which would allow those accused of "sex tourism" crimes abroad to be prosecuted in this

country is already going through the Commons, and ministers support the extension of the law to cover terrorism. The Home Secretary will also rule out any lowering of the anti-terrorism guard in Britain unless a lasting peace is restored in Northern Ireland, when MPs

rorism Act in the Commons. Lord Lloyd, a High Court judge, was appointed in January to review the anti-terrorism legislation to see which parts of the law could be dropped in the light of the reduced threat from Ulster following the ceasefire.

renew the Prevention of Ter-

However, Mr Howard will make it clear that the bomh in Docklands, east London, last month has set back the hopes of any significant reduction in such legislation, unless there is

a lasting cessation of violence. In his speech to the summit the Prime Minister said that Britain was already co-operating with both Israeli and Palestinian authorities on counter-terrorism and was urgently looking at what further practical help Britain might offer.

He called for a follow-up meeting to look at those who actively conspired to commit terrorist acts and those who abused the hospitality and pro-tection available in some countries to create a climate in

which terrorism could flourish. Meanwhile, the Government appeared ready to give in to demands by the Ulster Unionists, led by David Trimble, for the next stage in the peace process.

The Ulster Unionists, whose votes in the Commons could be crucial to Mr Major's hopes of avoiding a general election un-til May 1997, have insisted that the elections in Northern Ireland to appoint negotiating teams should be held in the 18 parliamentary constituencies.

Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party and the nationalist SDLP led by John Hume feared that basing the elections on 18 constituencies would hand a majority to the UIster Unionists and united in calling for the elections to be based on a single constituency for the whole of Northern Ireland.

Ministers failed to reach agreement with the parties by the end of the consultation period yesterday. Sir Patrick Mayhew, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is expected will announce the Government's conclusions early next week, broadly accepting Mr Trimble's case.





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Serb mayor tries to stem exodus

An impassioned appeal for Tito's beloved brotherhood and unity it is not, but at least one Bosnian Serb politician is trying to reach an understanding with his former enemies in Sarajevo.

Maksim Stanisic, mayor of the Serb-held districts of the capital during the war, is working against the odds to persuade his neighbours to stay in the five Sarajevo suburbs reverting to Bosnian government rule. His new group, the Democratic Initiative of Sarajevo Serbs, hindered at every turn by the Bosnian Serb leadership in Pale, has made little headway so far-some 40,000 people are estimated to have fled, against about 10,000 still in the area.

But as the last hope of the in-ternational community - "the last straw", one observer said -Mr Stanisic is nurtured by foreign officials desperate for any sign of support for the peace process and the reunification of Bosnia. Mr Stamsic's decision to stay in Ilidza, which this week reverted to government cootrol, required courage perhaps allied to a sense that as might build a political base with more power than oumbers

alone would warrant. Yesterday, he looked drawn

and nervous, chain-smoking and fiddling with his notebook nr a hanger, but remained res-olute. "We must try to carry on the work of the organisation. We must help everyone who has had a bad experience and has now decided to leave, but at the same time we will help anyone whn.

wants to stay," he said. The Democratic Initiative was founded last mooth at a meeting in Ilidza attended by around 300 people - quite a number, given that many Serbsas traitors. Aside from the geo-uine fears of reprisal by those the Serbs besieged for so long; stirred to fever puch by the lead-ership in Pale, anyone who considers staying on in the five suburbs faces serious practical problems: those departing have cut off utilities, and stripped

factories and houses. Mr Stanisic has said there is nothing he can do to prevent such asset-stripping in Ilidza, though he is trying in ensure that at least one clinic is staffed throughout the transition.

"People are afraid, and we

are working in impossible con-ditions," Mr Stanisic said. Did we know the cartoon "Stop the

worked before the war as the deputy administrator for Sara-

jevo, is a politician but nnt, he says, a member of the Serb Democratic Party, the nationalists led by Radovan Karadzic intn war. International officials who worked with him throughout the war in his capacity as mayor of Serb-held parts of Sarajevo view him as a moderate - at least in relation to Mr Karadz-ic and his colleagues in Pale.

Mr Stanisic says he has recrived a positive response from the Bosnian government, but wants more in the way of guarregard those who want to stay, antees that angry refugees will . suburbs and harass Serbs there.

As Ilidza reverts to government rule, does he envisage a life shared with Muslims? He has said that children should be bussed to Serb schools in Lukayica, which remains under Pale's control, but what about mixed communities, shops, hus services and so on? Mr Stanisic looks uncomfortable. "I'm just saying that the Serb people here have an interest in staying here, and whether they live with or next to Muslims is ont important," he said.

So if Serbs and Muslims could live together in some form, what was the point of the war? He laughed, put his head in his hands, then dodged the Mr Stanisic, a lawyer who question in best Balkan style: worked before the war as the "For the answer in that we must go back in time . . .



Habsburg row shakes Austria

Vienna - The secret homecoming of Austria's exiled heir to the throne unleashed a government row between social democrats and conservatives in the new coalition cabinet. Felix Habsburg-Lothringen, the 79-year-old son of Austria's last emperor who was banished with his family in 1919, secretly crossed the border at the weekeod and taunted the government by holding a news conference on Monday.

Authorities left the businessman alone, arguing he posed no threat to Austrian stability. But they warned him he would be prosecuted if he ever tried to sneak in again. The deputy leader of Chancellor Franz Vranitzky's Social Democrat party said: "We have no understanding for anyone who obviously still believes in the divine right of kings... and hence does not fully acknowledge the legitimacy of the republic."

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Chechen conflict 'led by mafia'

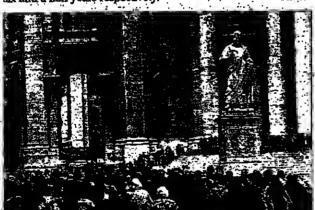
Muscow - As the latest fighting died down in Chechnya, the Russian presidential hopeful General Alexander Lebed charged that the conflict was a matia-led conspiracy. General Lebed, a critic of Moscow's 15-mooth campaign to crush the separatist rebels, accounts on a state level."

Latvian mass killer dies in prison

Riga — The former Soviet security chief in the Baltic state of Latvia, sentenced to life imprisonment at the age of 87 for helping organise mass deportations, has died in prison. Alfons Noviks was head of the NKVD Soviet security police in Latvia from 1940 to 1953, when thousands were jailed, deported and killed as Moscow purged anyone it suspected of opposition after its annexation of the state. Noviks, a Latvian, was convicted of genocide. Remer

US Marines appeal sentence for rape

Tokyo - Two of the three US servicemen jailed last week for gang raping an Okinawan schoolgirl last September appealed against their sentences, Marine Private Rodrico Harp, 21, and Marine Private Kendrick Ledet, 20, were sentenced to seven years and six and a half years respectively.



A queue forms outside St Peter's, Rome, yesterday after illness caused the Pope to cancel his audience

Norway gives go ahead to seal hunting

Oslo - Norway's commercial seal hunt, including pups for the first time in seven years, will begin as planned next week. Two weeks ago, the seal hunters cancelled the bunt, claiming reductinus in government subsidies would make it unprofitable. .4P

We are not alone, says Nasa

Toledo — Scientists believe they could discover life outside the solar system within the next 25 years. "Yes, definitely, there's life out there," Mike Kaplan, director of US space agency Nasa's Origins programme, said during a meeting of astronomers in Inledo. "I don't think we're alone," he said.

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Kaunda barred from election

Lusaka - President Frederick Chiluba hacked controversial amendments to the constitution that would bar former President Kenneth Kaunda from running against him this year. Mr Chilu-ba said the amendments, which require a presidential candidate to be born of Zambian parents, were drafted before Mr Kaunda decided last year to run for president. Mr Kaunda, 71, the son of immigrants from neighbouring Malawi, is classified a first gen-

Netherlands wins support for drugs policy

The Hague - The Netherlands has won a rare show of support The magne — The recinements has won a rare show of support from another country for its controversial drugs policy. A letter, signed by Health Minister Margarethe Nimsch of the German state of Hesse and made public yesterday, praised the liberal Dutch drugs policy and urged the Netherlands to resist foreign pressure to adopt a harder line.

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Company of women proves too much

Sydney - A man who speot 15 months in Antarctica "away from the company of women" couldn't wait another three days until he was reunited with his wife in China. On Monday, during a stopover in Sydney, the 39-year-old Chinese maintenance technician emhraced and kissed the cheek of a maid who was cleaning his hotel room, and grabbed her breast. Shuqing Li pleaded guilty to indecently assaulting the woman and was fined £200.

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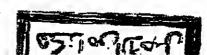
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Taiwan flirts with independence N Koreans flee 'in hundreds'

War of words: China's warning shots bring breakaway to fore in election countdown

TERESA POOLE

In 1964, a brilliant Taiwanese le-gal scholar and his students pro-duced a Manifesto to Save Taiwan. At the time, it was heresy. It called for an affir-mation that Taiwan's return to the mainland was "absolutely impossible", a new constitution to guarantee democracy. and a seat at the United Nations as a new sovereign state.

The law professor in question, Peng Ming-min, was arrested. jailed for 14 months, placed under house arrest for life hut managed to escape to Europe. It was not until November 1992. after 23 years in exile, mostly in the US, that Dr Peng was able to return to Taiwan. Now he is one of four candidates in Taiwan's first democratic presi-dential elections on 23 March,

Thus has Taiwan's political landscape changed, It is less than nine years since martial law was lifted and only four years since anyone advocating inde-pendence was committing a

But, thanks to Peking's present belligerent notion of safeguarding Chinese sovereignty. the question of independence has become the defining issue

of the elections. Yesterday, as the news spread of China's fourth missile test firing into the sea near Tajwan and more naval and aircraft manoeuvres. Dr Peng spelled out his vision of an independent Taiwan in which the island would formally abandon the "One China" policy. "I say Taiwan has not been, and should not be a part of China. And so-called reunification should not be a national

goal," he said. "I am not one to change our status. Taiwan has been a sovereign nation since 1949. So I just point out this fact to China, to the world. This is the reality." he said. Peking's present military manoeuvres were nothing less than "terrorism" and

'barbarism", he added. Dr Peng is the only candidate explicitly espousing independence, and even he says Tai-timate goal", he said, but not



Colour clash: Marines in China's Peopla's Liberation Army on recent manoeuvres on the mainland. The coast of Taiwan vesterday with a fourth day of missile launches and naval and air exercises

wan's existing "de facto" independence would only be accompanied by a declaration of

"de jure" independence in the ease of an invasion by China. Such distinctions are of no mterest to Peking, which describes Dr Peng as an "agent" of President Lee Teng-hui, the man expected to win next week's election. Dr Peng's campaign.

thunders Peking, is just an "es-cort" to take Mr Lee into office. Mr Lec, as the candidate of the ruling Nationalist Kuomintang (KMT) party, has been at pains to point out that Peking has misconstrued his position. Reunification remained the "ulwhile a communist government remains in power in Peking.

tends to raise further Taiwan's international political recognition. A UN seat for Taiwan has heen a campaign of the president's for the past two years.

From Peking's point of view, Mr Lee's platform amounts to a "de facto" hid for indepen-dence, its demonisation of him outdoes the abuse which was thrown at Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist leader who retreated to Taiwan at the time of the

Communist victory in 1949. Both Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek subscribed to the ideal of One China; they just

disagreed on who should run it. Indeed, when Mr Chiang died "deep condolences" and applauded him for opposing the independence of Taiwan. Mr Lee and Dr Peng represent

something much worse, Voter tactics may be crucial in determining Mr Lee's final share of the vote. He has said he wants a mandate of 50 per cent, a difficult threshold to

However, many analysts be-lieve supporters of Dr Peng, who has little hope of winning. may vote for Mr Lee to give him a healthier margin over the third candidate, Lin Yang-kang.

Mr Lin is a former stalwart of the KMT who was expelled from the party last year. His position is firmly to back a policy of reunification with China, hut to leave it rather vague as to when he believes this might be able to take place, and to avoid issues such as UN membership.

In mounting its aggressive military intimidation campaign, it is presumably Mr Lin's share of the vote that Peking is seeking to increase. The fourth candidate, Chen Li-an, who manages to combine being a devout Buddhist and a former defence minister, has not focused on the One China question.

Voter preferences are hard to determine. A big majority prob-ably agrees with Dr Peng's view that de facto independence has become "a historical reality". As Dr Peng added: "Taiwan has undergone a different history. And Taiwanese society and Chinese society are quite different ... our culture, our mentality, our way of life. These are the

But for voters it is a choice of how big a gamble should Taiwan take about Peking's tolerance. In a view much-heard in Taipei, one 35-year-old clerk said: "One Taiwan, One China is the best situation. But President Lee is

As many as 700 people have escaped from North Korea and are attempting to defect to the South, according to the South Korean President Kim Youngsam. Western diplomats say that the prospect of a mass exodus from the ailing Stalinist state is causing anxiety in Seoul. Since devastating floods last

summer which destroyed farmland and washed away homes in North Korea, the annual trickle of a dozen or so defectors has turned into a steady stream. adding to speculation that the secretive republic may be approaching internal collapse.
But Mr Kim's speech, to a
group of elderly Koreans born
in the North before the peninsula was divided by the 1950 Korean War, is the first time that the Seoul government has publicly named the number of potential refugees.

The government is accepting North Koreans on a selective basis," Mr Kim said. "But

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY ficulties." Seoul maintains a resettlement programme for defectors who are regularly presented to the media with lurid stories of North Korean oppression and atrocities.

Over the New Year, a diplomat in the North Korean embassy in Zambia defected with his wife, and in February, a former wife of the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-il, was re-vealed to have fled her home in Moscow for asylum in Europe. But most of the refugees are poor workers in North Korean ogging camps, and traders who have crossed the mountainous northern border into China and Russia. A report in the Konamed Seoul officials as saying that the total number of refugees from North Korea is between 1,200 and 1,500.

"There's a worry that they may be swamped," a Western diplomat said yesterday. "The first fear is that subversives could slip in pretending to be concerned about upsetting the

Afrikaner parents step up school battle

ROBERT BLOCK Johannesburg

Conservative white parents in Sonth Africa's Northern dle 150 pupils, so the parents Province may have lost a battle moved them back to the school for control over who is admitschool, but their fight against the integration of their offspring with black children goes on.

Yesterday morning, the par-ents of about 150 Afrikaner students scuffled with police who prevented them entering a hostel where they had set up alternative classrooms.

the hostel, earlier this week, was their latest move to obtain a separate state education for their children following a court ruling last month that the school's attempt to exclude children of other races was illegal. The parents had taken over the building across the street from: the school despite threats from the provincial government that it would fight any ploy it interpreted as racist or segregation-

ist. Until last week, the children had been taught by volunteers at a local church. But the church did not have the facilities to hanpremises for a final showdown.

In response, Ngoako Ra-Northern Province, yesterday took over control of the school and informed the governing body of his intention to dissolve it. He ordered police to close down the hostel-school by preventing anyone entering. A spokesman for the province said: "Instruction in Afrikaans of the main building and placing them in the hostel to prevent them from mixing with black children is nothing but racism."

The parents claim they are try-ing to guarantee their children a proper education in their na-tive language. But the fact remains that they are in the minority. About 400 white children continue to attend classes.

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Buenos Aires (AP) - After a promotional offer went wrong, dozens of youths rampaged through a pedestrian shopping mall in Buenos Aires yesterday when they failed to get tickets to a concert by US punk-rock

band the Ramones. More than 1,000 fans had queued overnight outside the offices of the Coca-Cola company to exchange 10 bottle tops for a concert ticket as part of a promotion. When company representatives told them no tickets were available, fans smashed shop windows, looted a newsstand and threw rubble from a nearby building site at the Coca-

Cola offices. Company officials were not immediately available for com-

several people were injured when hit by stones during the disturbances, which continued for more than an hour. No arrests were made. The violence ended shortly after noon, when police arrived.

Shortly afterwards, police said tickets for the three concerts to be held from 24 to 26

The Ramones, known for their hard-rocking repetitive punk style, recorded such hits as "Rockaway Beach", "Sheena is a punk rocker" and "Blitzkrieg Bop" in the 1970s and early 1980s but have faded from the forefront of the pop

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Are we hostages to gun culture?

Would tighter gun laws or regular psychiatric testing of gun owners have helped to prevent the carnage at Dunblane? Nicholas Timmins examines the evidence

No-one knows for sure how many guns - legal or illegal - there are in Britain. The Home Office estimates there are some 396,800 legally held firearms - broadly rifles and pistols. It has a somewhat hazier estimate that there are about 1,330,000 legally held shotguns.

The number illegally owned is literally unknown - although it is known the numbers are rising with senior police officers such as Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, expressing fears of an emerging "gun culture" on the streets of Britain's inner cities. Estimates of illegal weapons range from 500,000 to a million

or more, perhaps many more.

The Dunblane tragedy is bound to lead to calls for tighter gun control. But what more could be done - short of banning all gun ownership outside the hands of the.

armed forces and police - to tighten up what its advocates argue is already one of the world's tighter regimes?

The Hungerford massacre in 1987 led to the last significant tightening of. British gun law. Then Michael Ryan, 27; killed I6 and wounded 13 before killing himself after going

on the rampage with weapons which included a semi-automatic Kalashnikov AK47, one of three handguns and two rifles, the other a .30-calibre MI semi-automatic carbine which he legally

The result was amendments to the 1968 Firearms Act. Ownership of high-powered selfloading rifles and burst firing weapons was made illegal, while pump-action shotguns with a magazine of more than two bullets were classified as firearms, not shotguns, requiring a tougher certificate.

It didn't stop the killings. In 1989 Robert Sartin, a 23-year-old civil servant suffering from schizophrenia, stalked the streets of Monkscaton in Whitley Bay, Tyneside, with a shotgun - killing

one and wounding 16.
Since then, there have been smaller, less dramatic incidents, contributing to a total of between 50 and 71 people who have died each year in shootings of one kind or another.

Hungerford, however, brought a changed Chattitude to guns by the police, according to the British Association for Shooting and Conserva-tion, a key part of the gun lobby. Checks are tighter. Applicants have to show good reason for wanting a gun - usually target shooting or other membership of a gun club, or a farmer's requirement to deal with vermin. Any past history of mental illness has to be declared and a countersignature is required from a person of standing declaring the applicant to be of good character.

Significant numbers among the one million or so people who shoot – anything from air pistols, to Olympic gunmen to wildfowlers and deer hunters - have been driven from the sport, according to Robin Peal, the BASC's head of public affairs - "people who couldn't be both-ered with the hassle".

The result has been a fall in the number of gun certificates on issue - down to 670,000 at the end of 1994, almost a quarter fewer than in 1988 and the lowest number since 1971. Firearm certifi-

Frank Bruno into

new world cham-

pion is little short of

miraculous), but

his new protégé is not at all what one

might expect. He is a French-Transyl-

vanian, Hamp-stead-based, insom-

Sandor Szenassy

niac painter.

has, under Warren's patronage, produced 24 "intimate, psychological" por-traits of boxing greats such as Holyfield,

"People assumed," he complains,

Szenassy first approached Warren

when be learnt that the boxing guru had a secret passion for art – his study in Hertfordshire is filled with 18th and 19th-

century prints, apparently. Warren, in turn, fell for Szenassy's paintings imme-diately. "They show the pride, the victory

and the pain of boxing," he enthuses.

Strangely, Szenassy's first major exhi-

bition, scheduled to open in Las Vegas this weekend in celebration of the Mike Tyson-Frank Bruno fight has been post-

poned. It is not clear why. Personally, I

on only think that somebody pointed out to Warren that, while the collection

includes a stumning portrait of Tyson, one of Bruno is conspicuously absent.

that if a boxing promoter is involved,

it must be some kind of ghastly, sportsart, picture perfect, titillating images of Sugar Ray Robinson, but this is simply

(above), Holmes and Ali.

not the case."

(Judge for yourself.)

Lacks punch

without Bruno

It is not, the gun lobby maintains, the legal guns that are the problem. The numbers are they compared to uncertificated weapons, where the estimate is that there are between two million and four million guns out there," Mr Peal says.
"It is the ones the police don't know about that are the problem."

And their numbers have been growing. They range from ancient muskets to Second World War revolvers, to a recent flood of weapons from Eastern Europe following the break-up of the Soviet Union that has led police to discover submachine guns and other automatics that could not be held legally on a firearms certificate.

Illegal "armourers" will even hire out guns for crime – from around £300 for an ageing revolver

to £700 for a modern semi-auto-

of disposal.

matic handgun. The exact price, Mr Peal says, "will depend on whether it is

returned dirty or clean" - fired or

unfired - the higher price reflecting the

fact that fired ammunition can be traced

to the gun, making it "hot", and in need

So what more can he done? Bill Tupman, until recently director of the Centre

for Police Studies at Exeter University, said

yesterday that any decision about gun control

"involves balancing risk against cost. When 13 children are killed, what is the cost of those lives

against the risk of it happening?"
After Hungerford, Mr Tupman undertook a

study of gun control for the BASC, when it seemed that Hungerford "was simply a one-off". But after the Whitley Bay shootings in 1989 there were smaller incidents, and now Dunblane. He

said: "It seems someone is going berserk with a

"What is being asked for is a system which pre-

vents someone going off their head and misus-

ing guns. There are only two ways to do that. One

is to require people who hold guns to go to the

doctor for an annual certificate of fitness to hold

a firearm. The other is for gun clubs to inform

the police whenever someone they know who is

The latter they should do anyway, he argued.

and the time might be coming for the former.

"Police officers who carry guns have to be

checked twice a year, facing psychological test-

ing. If the police have to do that, at what point

do we start to demand the same of anyone who

carries weapons which are capable of lethal

The gun lobby's objection, he said, would be

the cost - "and it would be incredibly costly. But

the cost has been incredible for the parents of

in possession of firearms is unstable."

gun around once a year now.

cates totalled 140,200 in 1994 - marginally more than in 1992 but 15,000 down on the 1988 total. Certificates can cover more than one weapon.

Similar ideas surfaced after Hungerford - as the picture emerged of Michael Ryan as an oddball loner, in his very different way as much a misfit as Thomas Hamilton, the author of yesterday's massacre, appears to have been. A small man, with a deep grudge and an obsession with

But the most powerful opposition came from doctors - in the shape of the British Medical Association - which resisted the idea. A spokesman for the BMA said yesterday: "It was put to us that doctors should provide some sort of 'sanity certificate' for someone seeking a shotun or firearms certificate, but our view is that it is frankly impossible for a doctor, particularly a GP, to do that."

Past mental illness is taken into account in issu-

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ary's armed officers.

beyond that "it is virtually impossible for

a doctor to make a judgement about some-one's fitness to hold a gun," according to the BMA. Doctors were also worried about what

would happen "if they provided a certificate and the individual then went out and shot a lot

of people. Would the doctor, somehow, be held

responsible for a judgement he could not really

annually - each is renewable every three years

-"it would be frankly impossible for psychiatrists

to provide a full psychiatric examination of every-

one holding a certificate, and there would be no

guarantee even then that you would spot the peo-

to psychiatric - examinations to identify possi-

ble mental illness - was also doubted by Gerard

Bailes, a forensic psychologist specialising in

firearms who works with the Norfolk coostahu-

training, he said - but to help identify officers

who will react well under the specific stress of

Psychological testing is used in training and re-

The practicality of psychological - as opposed

And given the number of certificates issued

using firearms during police work. "I don't think a psychological test exists that would pick up this sort of risk," he said of Dunblane.

By coincidence, the Firearms Consultative Committee – a Home Office sponsored body which includes the police and shooting interests, is meeting today and such issues are bound to come again on to its agenda in the wake of the

The gun lobby, however, will resist. lan McConchie, general secretary of the National Pistol Association, said he shared the horror and shock at Dunhlane but would oppose "knee-jerk" calls to further tighten gun controls. "However light you draw the law, it will never protect against someone just going over the top and losing their marbles." Perhaps, but that will not console nor persuade the parents

GUNS ABROAD

UNITED STATES

The right to keep and bear arms has rarely been out of the news recently. In 1994, the House of Representatives voted to outlaw the ownership of 19 types of assault weapon previously available. However, the US still bas notorionsly high

homicide rates, and gun laws range state-by-state from lax to almost non-existent. The "gun lobby" is extremely strong in the US, and a telling debate has been going on in this sector of society recently as to whether "the right to bear arms" should be taken in a strictly literal sense. One side argues that if a weapon is not too heavy to be borne (that is, lifted), it should be freely available to the

population, in 1994, there were 600,000 incidents in which guns were used "defensively", and firearms deaths in the US average 40,000

SWITZERLAND

Almost every able-bodied man up to the age of 32 is a member of the Swiss army reserves, and maintnins n gun of some sort. Many men choose to buy their gun when they leave the reserves.

Moreover, fears were recently

expressed that private gun laws were so lax that Switzerland would become a major supplier of arms to the former Yugoslavia. These laws are now under review.

The homicide rate is roughly a quarter of that in the UK. Application can be made for permission to own a gun but in nearly all instances will be refused. For this reason, gun ownership statistics are not available. In 1993, 1,672 illegally held guns were seized by Japanese

FRANCE

Recent massacres by deranged gummen in France, along with European legislation, have led to a fightening of gun law in France. Private ownership of handguns is now forbidden, but hunting rifles may still be hought by those who bold a bunting licence. Owners most also register their ownership of a hunting rifle with

the police Since 1987, when the Hungerford killings took place border checks throughout Europe have eased considerably and borders to the former. Communist bloc have become less restricted. Consequently, the whole of Europe has seen a booming illegal market in guns . of all sorts, irrespective of new aational or European gun control

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Sock it to 'em, Joanie

As Random House's executives no doubt expected, the next chapter to this year's greatest publicity stint has just



been written - apparently in Joan Collins's own words. In the first weekly edition of OK mag-

azine, Ms. Collins exacts revenge on those who dared describe the prose style of her contentious manuscript Hell Hath No Fury as "rubbish", "trash" and "unpublishable". We all know that the boxing supremo Frank Warren's eye for talent is leg-endary (after all, the transformation of

.Meet character number one, editor Joni Evans with, as Ms Collins puts it, her "bottle yellow hair and a leathery

tan". Next is Kate Parkin, the "plump, plain editor-in-chief of Random UK". Another editor, Julie Grau, gets off lightly, but then she is only "a very ordinary-looking young girl". Collins reserves her real venom for Robert Callagy, the prosecuting lawyer, who is not only a "George Bush-lookalike" but also, "flinty eyed, thin-lipped and skinny ... with a stooped hump and a vinegary self-righteous expression" with the

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appearance of a "Midwestern hick town preacher" to boot.

Not a pretty cast list, is it? Still, I'm sure they won't take the criticism per-sonally. Some may eveo privately thank Ms Collins for all the publicity she has given them and then publicly dismiss her descriptions of them as "rubhish" "trash" and "unpublishahle"....

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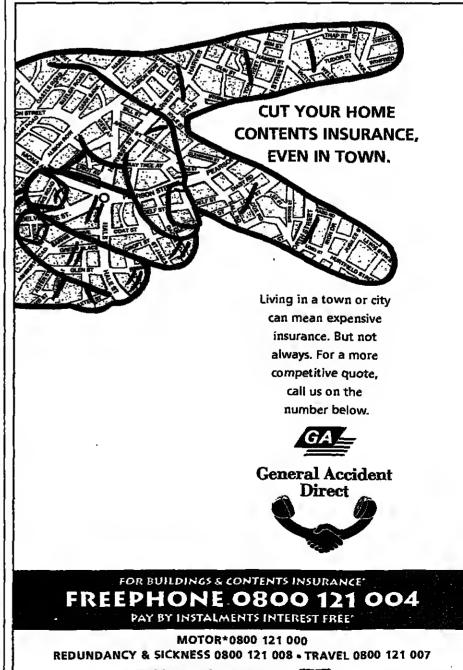
Sheffield Crown Court may not have con curred with Simon Sunderland, jailed for five years on Tuesday, that his graffiti is an art form. But scrawled observation has definitely begun to attain a Post Modern vision. At least I could not belp being impressed yesterday when I passed a filthy white van on the road, and instead of reading the inevitable finger-drawn "also available in white", I read: washed in Yorkshire water".

Racing quip

Could it be that Sir Andrew Lloyd Web ber has finally wiped the perma-grin from his face and is publicly venting his frustration at bad reviews of his musicals over the years? It would certainly appear so from recent correspondence

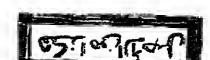
in the Sporting Life.
Sir Andrew writes in response to a ublished letter by Tony Roestenburg. head of the racecourse caterers Letheby & Christopher, who declares he was "saddened" to read Sir Andrew's severe criticisms of L&C food in his new foodie column in the Daily Telegraph: "I have regrettably declined Mr Roestenburg's generous invitation to join him at Ascol and Cheltenham. Wearing my theatre producer's hat, I believe it unethical to cootact critics about individual productions. Besides, if I asked every critic who has written a bad review of one of my shows to meet me, I'd never have the time to go racing!" Occooch, touchy!

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with striking agreement and optimism. We are all Euro-sceptics now, they said, arguing there was enough in the document to keep the party together for a while longer. Kenneth Clarke himself has previously said all bets were off till that midnight hour in 1999 when existing ohligations require a decision on joining a single currency.

By that stage, with Sir James Goldsmith still marauding about, we might well be

party's future direction and Britain's

future in Europe are raised, then it is a

Government's White Paper preparatory

to the Inter-Governmental Conference

Tory commentators have reacted to the

know about what happened to their chil-

As a result, Dunhlane belongs to us all,

at once, wherever we are. We share the

shock and disbelief. We share the jumble

of feelings of sadness, impotence, outrage,

If you are a parent, any parent in the land this morning, it will have been almost too painful to watch the scenes at Dunblane

yesterday. Today you will feel a wave of

relief that your child was not in that gym,

did not see that man, was not robbed of

dren in that gym class.

inet colleagues will surely reflect maturely hefore taking the unprecedented step of wondering whether the unity of the Conservative Party was, any longer, in the national interest. It may be that too reaching out to the people, providing them with information and arguments and clearly pro- and anti-European parties would be more honest and open. Indeed, inviting their direct participation in their That would he a Tory revolution indeed. If they took that step, we hope a referendum might yet be the mechanism through which that split occurs. But Mr Kenneth Clarke would be out there on the Clarke, as the main standard-bearer of the Tory left in Britain - let's not forget Chris crease, not skulking behind the sight screens. His start to feel like the politics Patten prowling around his Hong Kong of petulance. If this is the best the procage - needs to be in that debate pas-Europe and ostensihly pragmatic wing of sionately as a member of the Govern-

life, forced to sucrumh to that death.

There will be questions. Can school security be improved? Should firearms owners be psychological profiled? Are gun laws strict enough? But they can wait. Dunblane this morning must feel like the worst place on earth. We can only offer is people sympathy and space, to come to terms with their terrible loss and abiding grief. And the other thing we can do is quietly to rejoice in our children and Stand and fight, Ken



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

'Feelgood' factor is not good for the economy | It is time for a referendum

Sir: The "feelgood factor" results from not having to worry about money ("Where's the feelgood factor?", 9 March). Not having to worry about money results from excessive wage increases, and leads to a lack of concern about prices. This in turn allows prices to rise beyond what is absolutely necessary as a result of increasing costs. This leads to excessive inflation, which quickly elimi-nates the short-lived feelgood

The Germans have never known or understood the socalled "feelgood factor", in spite of having built one of the most successful post-war economies. Even when their economy was growing rapidly, inflation never took off because the German people will never allow suppliers to increase prices unnecessarily.
Our country bas suffered in the

past because there have been periods when we have been unconcerned about prices.

The last three years or so have seen unprecedented price stability in this country, accompanied by low wage increases. Nobody feels good about this because we still have to worry about how much we are spending. But if we ever stop worrying about this, and the feelgood factor returns, we should be clear that inflation, high interest rates and recession

are only just around the comer. We are having to make an important psychological step forward, which is to accept that a successful economy is huilt on bard work and increased pro-ductivity, rather than the artificial money-stimulated booms of the past. Politicians will never admit it, but, while getting people to "feelgood" may be a political

Look to the Probation Service when dealing with crime

a serious wealth-creating economic policy. DAVID MERCER

aim, it is the last possible goal of

Sir: I am not so naive that I believe policies win elections, but this government seems determined to rely on the clusive "feelgood factor" which Kenneth Clarke appears to force upon us at every opportunity.

I have news for Mr Clarke and

his friends: you don't feel good without a job, when a hospital turns you away because there's oo bed, when your children struggle to get a decent education, or when you see Parliament abused by its own elected members. Too many people feel bad for the rest of us to feel good.

nals, reflecting what be believes

the public wants. Now, in con-

junction with an increasing prison

population, he proposes yet fur-ther legislation which will

inevitably place greater demands

on the decreasing resources of the

Prison Service and in the longer

In common with many others

working in criminal justice, the

Lord Chief Justice takes the view

that the detection of the criminal

is the most effective deterrent.

Research repeatedly shows that

imprisonment's net effect is to

Probation Service in addressing

criminality and the underlying

causes of offending (most notably

substance misuse), serves to

reduce the likelihood of further.

Chief Probation Officer

Suffolk Probation Service

A J BARROW

Conversely, the work of the

increase recidivism.

criminal behaviour.

term place the public at risk.

DR C G BRAMMER Lymm, Cheshire

A typical teenager mayed to find that we British

Sir: My thanks to Andrew Reid (Letters, 12 March) who clearly took the time to read Sir James's .. letter to the candidates and supporters of the Referendum Party in Monday's newspaper. As president of the Young Conservative Group for Europe, Mr Reid must firmly believe that the British people's interests are best served by the Maastricht treaty and the creation of a federal Europe. Why then is he so opposed to a referendum?.

It brings us back to the same old argument that those in favour of Maastricht are against the idea of a full debate on the subject leading to a vote by the people. They constantly refer to the Referendum Party as anti-European. That is incorrect. Neither are all the 400 selected parlia-mentary candidates anti-European nor all the 45,000-strong

answers back

Sir: I was delighted to discover.

from your article ("The changing

face of the British teenager", 9

March) that I am in fact a typi-

cal British youth of the Ninetics.

I'm 17 years old, I own two pairs

of Converse trainers, I listen to :

Blur, Jarvis Cocker is my "icon"

and, other than the fact that I

have never worn a "puffa jacket",

I seem to be in keeping with my peers. That is to say I feel my edu-

cation is very important, I agree

that the age of consent for mar-

riage should be higher, I'm not

particularly interested in politics

and it is my belief that stricter dis-

cipline would reduce the crime.

However, I was slightly dis-

registered supporters of the Referendum Party. They are, however, all 100 per cent of the belief that the potential loss of our national sovereignty is a decision to be taken by the people.

As for Mr Reid's suggestion

that we want a referendum "allowing the public a retrospective vote on the Maastricht treaty", it served the government to do it in 1975, when, and here I repeat a quote that Sir James used in his letter, there was "to question of any erosion of essen tial national sovereignty".

So now, when there is clearly a buge amount to lose and a decision to be made that will affect generations to come is it not time to let the people decide? SEBASTIAN C SAINSBURY

Parliamentary Candidate for The Referendum Party : London SW7

teenagers were being mocked

with such comments as: "we bave

Generation Zzzz' and "Come

back, James Dean". Without-

wishing to sound like the stereo-

typical media portrayal of an

adolescent, I find this very unfair!

Will it ever he possible for

teenagers to satisfy their elders?

per cent of us having no interest

in politics makes us appear apa-

thetic; but for my part the only

access I have to the world of pol-

ities is to watch MPs, on all sides.

making a mockery of the demo-

cratic process by showing more interest in scoring points off each other than even attempting to

sort out the problems of society.

This doesn't exactly inspire me.

I accept that the figure of 59

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Dunblane's grief

beyond words

Words, when Dunhlane asks for silence, space to mourn, to rage, to

try to understand the incomprehensible.

We assemble facts, names, lists, num-bers. We look for character traits, analo-

gies, consequences. But how much of that will enable us to solve the same impossi-

ble puzzle that assails the nation: they were children, five- and six-year-olds, in a gym class, doing what five- and six-year-

olds do, laughing, playing, moaning, shouting, hoping, dreaming, Children in a gym class. How could it he? How could

anyone, in however twisted a mind, turn

so unfathomable. A deranged man kills

children in a violent slaughter. Yet there

is no calculus we can use to tell us

whether or how our age is, in some grand moral scheme, any better or worse than

previous ages. What is sure is that, unlike

those times, these days we know instantly

almost as much as the people of Dunblane

Man of the people Kenneth Clarke doesn't, it seems, trust the people.

The Tory politician who has made his image in the Stanley Baldwin mould -

Midlands man, downing pints - who has

put one of the most attractive faces on

post-Thatcher Conservatism - may have come a cropper. If his "friends" are to he trusted (and the bane of many a politi-cian's life are the Doppelgänger who go on Newsnight and ventriloquise for them),

Mr Clarke thinks a referendum on Euro-

pean monetary union is a resigning issue.

the kind of question to be put and the

electoral dynamics. The Chancellor's cab-

own government.

It isn't. Too much hinges on the timing.

At times like this the modern world is

children into creatures to he killed?

Finding a cure for Alzheimer's ranks up there with Aids cures, cancer cures and world peace. Anyone who has scen a relative lose their memory and their personality to the disease, or merely followed the decline of Felix on the BBC's Our Friends in the North, should toast to a group of scientists at the Roskamp laboratories in Tampa, Florida. They have made a significant new discovery about the mechanics of the disease, bringing them closer to finding a cure.

But it is not an American discovery. Five years ago, a team at St Mary's Hospital in London established a genetic component in Alzheimer's disease. When British universities and hospitals couldn't stump up enough cash and facilities to fund intensive research, many of the scientists were seduced ahroad - among them Professor Michael Mullan, who joined the Roskamp group. So there we were, the Brits, at the forefront of medical research. Sadly, we didn't have the cash and the commitment

to see it through. Higher salaries, more status, better back to the frontier of research.

Anyone who is thinking of getting his or her life story down on

paper and doesn't know how to start

should invest immediately in an

invaluable booklet called How to

Write Your Autobiography, published by the Inland Revenue. This neat lit-

tle volume is packed full of hints on how to marshal the facts of your life.

and even more important, how to

organise your life before you get

"Never throw anything away"

seems to be the golden rule of the art

of autohiography, if the Inland Revenue can be believed, "You will be

amazed at how much the merest

scrap of paper can teveal," it says.

Let us say, for instance, that you

have a faded receipt for petrol from

some motorway service area. Your

instinct is to chuck it in the hin. But

wait a minute! That petrol receipt will

tell you exactly where you were at

what time, on what day. It will tell you

that you were not at home but were

out on a long trip somewhere. With

luck, you can reconstruct the story of

One whole day from one receipt!
We at the Inland Revenue often

have to do the same. For instance,

someone might claim petrol bills against tax. If we looked closely at

them, we might find that five or I0

Of them have the same date on them,

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round to writing the hook.

research facilities and closer links with industry abroad have long been cited as the causes of the notorious brain-drain of scientists from British universities. Many US universities, for example, draw heavily on sponsorship from commercial companies. In Britain, disdain for science among husinesses combined with suspicion of commerce among academics have inhibited productive partnerships

for too long. The pressure for change is growing, Universities across the country are becoming ever more imaginative - and desperate - in their search for cash. Leading computer companies say research technology in universities is usually so outdated that they need to retrain graduate researchers anyway. The best international companies now realise the importance of vibrant research cultures that could match anything on offer in a university. Research partnerships between companies and universities will be vital if Britain is not to lose more Professor Mullans and find its way

and the same garage name. Odd.

that. Why has someone got 10

receipts for petrol from the same

place? Could it be hecause he has

been driving up and down that road.

constantly running out of petrol at the

same place? Or could it be because

be picked up lots of other people's

receipts at that garage and tried, no

doubt in error, to pass them off as his

"A thing like that tells you a lot

about a person. And to take care of

telling details, and to make sure they

are not lost, we cannot stress too

highly the importance to the future

autobiographer of keeping all docu-

mentation. In a big cardboard box. In

files. In desk drawers. Anywbere, as

long as you keep them and, of course.

don't try to alter the figures on

The hooklet also stresses the

The story of your life? Get it in writing

importance of keeping a record of be? The answer can he very

issues are, your editorial ("The wrong way to fight crime", 8 March) was right to suggest that the current dispute between the Home Secretary and the Lord Chief Justice is largely irrelevant to the reduction of crime. It is, however, wrong to speak of "overhasty reforms ... in the early

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Nineties that made sentencing more lenient". Compared with all the vote-catching initiatives that have superseded it, the Criminal Justice Act 199I was a carefully thought-out and coherent strategy which complemented the Woolf report's vision of a more humane and effective penal system. In truth, however, the 1991

framework was given only a few months to work before key parts of it were removed, and the scene set for Michael Howard's lamentable "prison works" strategy. One consequence of this is a penal system yet again on the edge of collapse. Since the demise of the phi-

people you meet and work with.

"How often do you hear absolutely

fascinating stories from people you

employ round the house, plumbers,

stonemasons, builders and so on?

You could make a whole book out of

those stories. In fact, some people

have - think of A Year In Provence, for

example! But wouldn't it be tragic if

you tried to remember the name of

the man who had told you such a

great story, and you couldn't, simply because you'd forgotten to write it

down. So, make it the simple golden

rule to always get a written receipt

from every person you employ, with

all the details - even if he would like

to be paid in cash! In fact, especially

the importance of the little personal

little incidents," says the booklet.

"Let's say, for instance, that you get

a taxi to Paddington and ask the taxi

driver for a receipt to cover the jour-

ney, which cost £5. Now, what if the

taxi driver says, with a wink, 'How

much shall I make it for, guv?' Or if he gives you a whole handful of

hlank receipts and makes it clear you

can fill them all in at your leisure?

What would your reaction to that

touch in the art of autobiography.

The Inland Revenue also stresses

"So much can he revealed in these

if you paid him in cash ..."

Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

been in political limbo. Slowly, through internal critique, it is remaking itself, recognising that it must provide, and he seen to provide, a service for the whole community. It is putting its blink-ered and nostalgic defence of social work training behind it, but not, quite rightly, its due regard for the place of care and support in all effective work with offenders, or its belief that social exclusion lies at the root of much, if not all, criminal behaviour.

So long as it is not undermined by a soulless managerialism, it is to the Probation Service, in partnership with reputable voluntary agencies, that one should look for the new ways of dealing with crime to which your editorial referred. Its potential remains untapped. Dr MIKE NELLIS

revealing - so write it all down!"

The bookict ranges over the whole of life and its important aspects - travel, family life, work, entertain-

ment, etc - and is especially good on

activities done under an assumed

name. It covers the momentous

moments of life ("Ever done a big, big transaction in cash? Let's hear

about it!") but is not ashamed to

encourage gossip about the small things ("Ever heard some discred-itable but fascinating things about famous people? Let's have all the

details - you can't shock people nowadays!"). But the four big lessons

in autobiography are spelt out again at the end, in case you haven't got the

1. Get everything in writing.

2. Don't throw away or hide

3. Don't get any help with your

autobiography from some smart-

arsed accountant who might encour-

age you to store some of your life's

4. Get everything right in your life story, hecause if you don't, you

might go to prison for a very long

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published by the Inland Revenue, price £15.99 (or from me for only a tenner).

details overseas.

University of Birmingham

Lecturer in Probation Studies

Sir: The Home Secretary has losophy underpinning the 1991 repeatedly declared his intention

Flaming days in

high school

Sir: Regarding the origin of "flame" in Charles Arthur's A to Z of the digital world (11 March), when I was a high school student in Canada in the 1970s, "flame" was the commonly used contraction of "shot down in flames".

Being Canadian, and with pre-tentions toward bilingualism, we eventually switched to "bruler" or brulesville, but the original connotation of "flame", with its quasi-violent vision of a WWII Icarus plummeting towards ignominy remained with us

> R DORNAN London SW3

Taipei appeals for peace

Sir: Regarding your leading article, "Resisting the roar of the dragon" (12 March), it is absolutely untrue that President Lee Teng-bui is committed to independence which you mentioned in your article. President Lee Teng-hui has reiterated his stance against independence and appealed for peace-ful solutions many times on different occasions.

MICHAEL KUO Assistant Director Press and Information Division Taipei Representative Office m the UK London SW1

Amber for animal welfare

rate considerably.

Sir: Joyce D'Silva writes (Letters 12 March) that the Nuffield Council on Bioethics has given a green light for pig-human organ

In fact, Professor Albert Weale, the chairman of the council's working party on xenotransplantation, summed up the message as "Proceed, but proceed with caution, always paying attention to the highest standards of patient care and animal welfare." In terms of traffic lights. this is perhaps more like the flashing amber on a pelican

crossing, If Joyce D'Silva and Compas-aion in World Farming examine the report, they will find that Chapter 5 contains detailed discussion and recommendationsfor action to promote the welfare of transgenic pigs that may be

used for transplantation. DAVID SHAPIRO **Executive Secretary** Nuffield Council on Bioethics London WC1

Reading, Berkshire Anachronistic birthright

Sir: Who is Earl Russell (Letters, 11 March) to talk of a voting system that provides true representation? He insists that he has a birthright ie a right given by birth, to speak in, and influence, our legislature. Let him divest himself of this

anachronism and then talk seriously about an elected Commons (and even a Second Chamber). MARTIN SHAW London N14

Princely president

Sir. Barbara Muir (Letters, 11 March) is apparently of the opin-ion that the Prince of Wales would be eminently suited to be president of the republic that we may one day eajoy by virtue of his Welsh, Irish, Scottish and English ancestry. She seems to have overlooked the fact that his father is Greek and that his mother's lineage is largely German.

MARK UNSWORTH Sproxton, Leicestershire

Concrete values

Sir: What's the difference between a gang rapist, a drink-drive murderer and a talented. graffiti artist? At least one more year in jail - if you're the artist (Artist drawn to crime is jailed for five years", 13 March):

What kind of perverted society are we that values the appearance of a slab of concrete more than a human life or human dignity?

PETER LAWRENCE Oxfordshire

Romantic realist

Sir: Jeffrey Richards suggests ("The BBC's voice of two nations", 13 March) that the BBC is catering for two audio. ences in its recent successes Our Friends in the North and Pride and Prejudice. He sets the radical realist against the nostalgic romantic. Surely many viewers like myself find well-made drama of most types equally attractive or am I alone in being a realist. with an escapist streak?

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This, finally, is Clarke's sticking point

With the Cabinet shifting its centre of gravity, the Chancellor feels lonely on the great issue of Europe

The scene: somewhere in Africa. As Douglas Hurd first went round cahinet members asking about a referendum it was Michael Portillo, not is intense and the silence is utter. It is broken only once, by an aardwolf belching, many miles away. But not everything is quite as it should he. From the shadow of a lone baobah tree, its boughs heavy with mooching hustard, there comes the smell of cheap cigar smoke. And - look! - two feet protrude. And they are wearing

Hush Puppies.

Kenneth Clarke (for it is he) has bewildered colleagues by his departure today for the dark continent. At home, the Conservative Party is driving itself into a frenzy about Europe, referendums and similar. Debates are planned, show-downs pencilled in. But the Chancellor, wobbling on the edge of resignation, will take no part. He has gone to commune with the meerkat and the secretary-bird.

Mr Clarke might reasonably say that had he waited until the Tory party was not in a frenzy over Europe, he would have been stuck in Britain for ever. Maybe. But he has left an aggressive message about his position. MPs have been waiting for him to deny that he might go. But as I write, no such

Ministers have been expressing amazement at the notion that the Chancellor of the Exchequer might resign over something as nebulous and far-off as a plebiscite on monetary union - something that would only happen, after all, if a Tory Cabinet had

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Clarke, who was the most hostile. But

really, there is no mystery.

What has happened is that the traditional pro-European view in the Tory party has been elbowed from the mainstream to the marginal in a remarkably short space of time. Clarke was once only one of a number of key ministers who were all basically integrationist. There was Hurd, Chris Patten, David Hunt, Malcolm Rifkind, William Waldegrave, Tristan Garel-Jones, Michael Heseltine. Oh yes,

and that John Major, too. Now they are all either gone, or have changed their views, or both. Heseltine doesn't seem to be going to the final ditch on the referendum issue. Among the other cabinet players, John Gummer isn't powerful enough really to help Clarke; while Stephen Dorrell, as a potential lead-ership candidate, has been husy demonstrating to right-wingers that he is acceptable.

So this is not really about the referendum. It is about Clarke's position in the Government and, inseparable from that, the status of the pro-Maastricht, strongly pro-EU Tories. They feel very isolated; as if their party is

slipping away. What has been happening to the Tories is a little like the Buchanan-v-Wali Street revolt that has shaken the US Republican Party. The pro-pound Conservatives are not protectionists, first voted to abolish the pound. When of course, but they are also fighting for personal dividend from the party.



John Major is the only one in Cabinet with a personal veto

familiarity and nationality against supranational forces. In both cases, it has been a popular uprising against the assumptions of the clite. And however blokey Clarke may seem, he has been firmly with the élite.

He may have already privately accepted that this stand disqualifies him from becoming leader of today's Tory party - however much he impresses them by his handling of the economy in general, and the Governor of the Bank of England in particular.

As the Man in the Treasury, Clarke has become increasingly self-confident. There has been no serious pressure from Number 10 for a tax-slashing pre-election splurge. If his nerve paid off, and he delivered a stronglooking economy at election time, he would normally have expected a huge

But he will not pay the necessary price of pretending a modish anti-Europeanism. Other ministers, who have moved, shouldo't be surprised. As Philip Stephens, of the Financial Times, recalls in a new book, Politics and the Pound, Clarke took the decision not to temporise over a year ago, when he refused repeated requests from Major to tone down a speech denying that British membership of a single corrency would have strong constitutional implications.

As Stephens writes, he even ignored

the advice of his own political adviser, Tessa Keswick, who "was conscious that such a speech, offering not the slightest concession to the right of the party, could end permanently Clarke's hopes of eventually succeeding Major. Keswick was right, but the Chancellor

would not be moved".

He has always despised trimmers.
His critics would say he has made a fetish of his own immovable consistency on this subject. Certainly, it bas done him no good personally. Since Douglas Hurd left the Cabinet, shifting its centre of gravity, Clarke has undoubtedly felt lonely on the great issue of Europe; but it has been an isolation he has never flinched from.

Even then, that might not have mat-tered had Major handled it differently. At one level, this resolves itself into the oldest political question; who rules? Is the Cahinet a miniature Parliament, clustered around the Prime Minister: or is it a conclave of party barons, the grandest of whom have an effective veto over hig changes in policy?

while the Prime Minister cannot carry change against a majority of the Cab inet, or an alliance of its grandest members, he is the only minister with a personal veto. No one else is so grand that he or she can hold back an idea to which most of the rest of the Cabinet is committed. In this case, Clarke-plus-Heseltine would have heen enough to stop Major. But Clarke by himself may not be.

This leaves Cahinet ministers who find themselves in a minority on a seri-ous issue with a stark choice: shut up, or go. When it comes to a real hustup, there are few intermediate options. So the only question left is whether Clarke thinks this is big enough to resign over. Were it only the referendum, that would indeed be a pretty hizarre view to take. But it isn't only the referendum. Clarke has been watching the European argument slip, and slip, and slip. We have become used to anti-Maastricht Tories saying that the European issue is "bigger than the party". Why should there not be some pro-Europeans who look at sceptics trying to close off British options and think the same thing?

I don't know if Clarke is there yet. But as a traditional pro-European, at some point he had to make a stand to say: no more. It seems that the referendum is his chosen sticking-point; and he is sticking. Now he has 10 days away from the chatter of Westminster to sit under African skies, smoke cigars, and contemplate his choices. There, and here, the hustards are waiting.

it or lump it. Besides being the least

demanding, this approach accorded

with the unspoken assumption that having foreigners swilling around our

streets in large numbers was really a

rather rum do, something to be toler-

ated rather than actively encouraged.

was swept away: marketing analysts

were drafted in from McKinsey to cre-

ate a marketing strategy: "the brand-ing of Britain to suit different market

segments", as a source at the BTA puts

it, which, stripped of jargon, is a sensible thing to do. The French, for

example, are keen on shopping in Britain, and on street fashion; so

don't sell them Big Ben hut Camden market. Japan's "OLs" - so-called

"office ladies" - flock to Europe, so

lure them here by projecting a softer,

more feminine image of the country,

an approach pioneered with the suc-

cessful "tea and roses" campaign.

suggests that this strategy is beginning to bite. The hig question remains of

how to sell Britain - and more partic-

ularly, England - to the British, and

this is one that the cash-strapped English Travel Agency has only just made

a start on. Even with global warming,

industry the Government is minded to

hringing the British back to English

beaches is a formidable challenge. But even larger than that is the question of whether tourism is an

The leap in visitor numbers last year

And so on.

With Ms Biss's accession, all that

Blair takes the coward's way out

Labour compromises its honour by not opposing a renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, says Polly Toynbee

Today marks a new low in the honour of new Labour. Few people will agree and the public will not care. Every hig hattalion is on the same side hut that does not make them right. Labour's abstention on the renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, after 15 years of vigorously opposing it, will be a cowardly act of cynicism.

As Shadow Home Secretary. Tony Blair gave good reasons for Labour's opposition to the Act. He said there were "two fundamental flaws in the Order - exclusion orders and the absence of judicial review of the extraordinary power of deten-tion". He said the Act was "virtually unique in the Western world" and "contrary to the principles of British justice". He rightly condemned those who "cravenly accept" an Act because its title says it will pre-

vent terrorism. Those fundamental flaws remain unchanged, hut now new Labour "cravenly accepis" them. Exclusion orders mean internal exile, banning Britons from mainland Britain without evidence or right to appeal. Over the past few years some 90 people have been excluded at any one time. Apart from its natural injustice, Protestants complain bitterly at Northern Ireland being treated as a dumping ground for people we would prefer did their terrorism on the other side of the water.

Some 7,000 people have been detained under the Act over the years, allowing police to hold them incommunicado for up to seven days. Labour has always wanted a judge to be called in immediately to review each case. Now, it seems, such reservations do not matter any more. Labour weasels out of the issue by saying it awaits the findings of a government review of the Act. Opposing the Aet "would send quite the wrong message at this time", say several of its previously strong opponents. The mes-sage they worry about, though. is designed not for the IRA bul for the voters. Also, the depressing truth is that this has pleasing the Unionists in the current delicate Westminster minuet and little to do with fur-

thering peace in Ireland. Most of those detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act are released without a fear that our democracy was charge or explanation. Sarah Cohen's was a typical case: in the night came thunderous hangs on the door and nine men with machine-guns kicked their way in. One of them the Noes lobby, the party's hon-

fucking floor" and put his foot on her neck before dragging her away to a police cell, where she was strip-searched and left alone without a lawyer, food or water for 10 hours. Then she was suddenly released without questioning, with a black eye, had hruising, no apology, no explanation. They could have kept her for seven days until she "confessed". Paul Hill of the Guildford Four, falsely imprisoned for 15 years, was the first person arrested under the Act. Today marks exactly five years since the Birmingham Six were

released after 17 years in jail. Well, you may say, there is a war on. Here in Canary Wharf. we have felt it shake our tower. Most of those

detained under the Act are released without charge Rough things happen in wars: what do you expect? If beating up a few innocent Irishmen and their friends saves one bahy in Warrington, it's worth it. I would agree. The question is, does the Prevention of Terror-

ism Act prevent any bombings. or catch any terrorists? Very few of those arrested under its provisions have ever heen charged with terrorist offences. Those terrorists who were arrested under it were not caught by the Act but by detec-tive work and inside information. Duffing up Irishmen may satisfy frustrated policemen. but it also creates fertile hreeding grounds of resentment that give succour to real terrorists.

There are two kinds of laws: those designed To Do Something and those designed To Be Seen To Do Something, Such a one was the Prevention of Terrorism Act, an emergency measure introduced in the emotional four days after the Birmingham pub bombings - a had time to make a had law.

The Act breaches the European Convention on Human Rights. A country can derogate from its provisions, if a nation isself is threatened, not just individual lives. But is Britain threatened as a nation? At the start of the Troubles there was not robust enough to withstand this violence. In the event, the only real dent in democracy has come from the Act itself. Today, when Labour fails to walk into screamed at her to "get on the our will be yet another casualty.

An industry gone on holiday

Peter Popham laments the departure of an effective director of the British Tourist Association

ment how many people choose of their own free will to visit Britain. Flocking here in the dead of winter from places like Malaysia, Thailand, the Seyehelles and the South of France, they wrap themselves in frigid queues around the walls of Mme Thssauds, ehurn up the mud in Beatrix Potter's garden, stare at castles, chew scones and swill tea and mooth disconsolately through the streets of Camden Town.

Their motivations are varied but,however irrational, the important thing for the economy is that they continue to come. Travel and tourism represent 5 per eent of our gross domestic prod-uct and contribute £25bn to the economy annually. Last year, we welcomed 23.6 million visitors from overseas, who spent nearly £12bn; and 87,800 new jobs were created, adding to the 1.5 million already in existence.

The decision of Heritage Secretary Virginia Bottomley nol to renew the part-time contract of the director of the British Tourist Association and the English Travel Board, Adele Biss, announced on Monday, will not halt the industry in its tracks. Incoming tour operators predict 8.4 per cent growth this year, and if they turn out to be badly wrong, it is more likely to be the fault of the IRA than of Mrs Bottomley.

But Ms Biss's going, after only three years in the job, gives pause for thought. Within the industry, no one has anything but praise for her; perplexity at her sacking is likewise universal. One theory is that the two women just failed to hit it off. More plausibly it is suggested that Mrs Bottomley's department smarted under Ms Biss's relentless criticism of government underfunding, and fiercely resisted her attempt to increase the

BTA's independence. Coming into a business beset by amateurism, that had been kicked like a punctured foothall from one gov-ernment department to another, Ms Biss brought marketing skills honed at

"t is a matter of constant astonish- Unilever, and a determination to hoist the industry's standards to international level. For all her good works and there is a limit to the amount that anyone can do on two days a week it's painfully clear from Mrs Bottomley's action that a punctured foothall

is what the industry remains. It is difficult to obtain a clear pieture of the true state of Britain's tourist industry. From one perspective. given the many millions of visitors, it s never looked more prosperous. Yet Ms Biss has asserted that it is in long-term decline compared with other destinations for foreign visitors,

The traditional approach was to let Britain market itself and let the foreign johnnies like it or lump it

while its appeal to the British themselves has been in absolute decline ever since we began forsaking our dunes and corrugated iron windbreaks for the Costa Brava. The number of jobs created in the industry suggests rude health, but there was a deficit of £3.7bn between what British holidaymakers spent abroad last year, and

what overseas visitors spent here. The appearance of rude health is because, once they've got a bit of money in their pockets, milling around in large airplanes is how people all over the world like to spend it. Inevitably, a lot of them end up here. But, relative to many other countries,

we are still on the slide. The problem Ms Biss inherited and will pass on to her successor is that selling a country is an odd sort of business. It is a much more ticklish challenge than selling biscuits or whisky or

On the one hand, you have what your potential customers expect of the place, their preconceptions and prej-



Taking the British sun on Abersoch beach

Peter Macdiarmid

udices: Becfeaters, castles, Shakespeare, golf, Big Ben. Shake these expectations too violently and you may turn people off altogether, causing them to drift away in bemusement. Ram them home too stolidly and you risk boring people to death.

On the other hand, you have the hewildering fragmentation of the industry itself: 120,000 small businesses, huge hotel chains, theme etc, and let the foreign johnnies like

A loss for architecture and for Wales

parks, souvenir shops, stately homes, beach resorts, festivals, caravan parks - all clamouring furiously to he promoted abroad. The job of the BTA was somehow to derive a tune from this horrible cacophony, and sing it in siren

The traditional solution to the problem was to let Britain market itself in the usual way, with Beefeaters, castles

tones to potential customers.

take seriously: whether it is to be forced to humble on, ehronically underfunded, chaotically structured, and guided by a part-timer, as hitherto; or whether its importance to the nation's economy is for the first time to receive proper financial recogni-

> Ms Biss has done a heroic joh of making hricks with the hare minimum of straw, but by trying to turn the BTA into a more serious and independently minded organisation, she seems to have paid with her joh. The irony is that the reforms she was pressing for are exactly what the industry needs.

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Zaha Hadid bemoans the rejection of her radical design for the Cardiff Bay Opera House design would have been the catalyst for the rejuvenation of the entire have recently learnt that my design for the £86m Cardiff Bay Opera of its architectural and technical merit. Cardiff Bay area, drawing in visitors, investment and tourism. The design team planned to integrate a 10,000-square metre wing for the National Museum and Galleries of Wales into the opera house site. This

House has been killed off. I am bitterly disappointed: anger is too simple a word to describe my emotions. My upset is not only because I personally feel tremendously sad about something I have worked for years to achieve. It is because this decision is a tragedy for the people of Wales. The innovative nature of my design, which had already passed over numerous hurdles, promised to provide the Welsh capital and opera with a cele-bration of creative imagination with which to mark the new millennium. Its rejection, by stuhborn short-sightedness and conspiratorial backstabhing. is a triumph for petty-mindedness.

The villains of this piece are a col-

Pection of local politicians and business people who got together last week at the institute of Wales. By blackballing the project, they destroyed any chance it might have of winning funding from the Millennium Commission.

The people of Wales should know what they have lost. Gone is the prospect of a 2,000-seat theatre incorporating the best acoustics that would show musicals, cabaret, pantomime, Sydney Opera House did for Australia dance and opera. The Welsh National has been needlessly frustrated: my



Hadid with her winning design

Opera, one of the finest opera touring companies in Europe will not, as result, have a home. A project that promised to do for Wales what the

would have featured a glass jewel, housing a 13th-century Celtic cargo boat, recently unearthed to the River Severn. Additionally, there would have been a 300-seat Imax the aire and the control of the recently unearthed to the recent product the seat to show the stable. exhibition spaces to show the evolu-tion of Wales within the context of world history. The whole parorama of Cardiff Bay and the docks would have unfolded beyond an open-plan floor of nautical artifacts. The new design's emphasis on Welsh museum, art and popular music powerfully addressed concern that this would be an élitist building. This opera house and its accompanying museum promised to be a cultural complex for all the peo-

The design had passed many tests. It had emerged as winner in an international architectural competition with 269 entries over two rounds. No one could fairly doubt that the winning design had been been selected because

Indeed, it had come to prominence despite being submitted as an outsider, rather than from one of four wellknown architectural practices which were specially invited to participate in

The design captured the imagination of the local press, the architectural press and the national press, generating thousands of column inches. It was exhaustively re-examined, even after it was picked. Yet, it survived even this Although the decision to stop the

roject so abruptly has been made in Wales, there are wider implications that will beg questions from all the organisations involved in this bid. The first will be to the Millennium Commission itself whose original remit, as cited by Peter Brooke, then itage, was to build 12 grand projects around the country. The commission made clear that the opera house was the type of project that it would want to support. Yet the commission has so far failed to approve funding for the scheme. It must now face the accusation that it lacks vision and courage to give life to new, modern projects

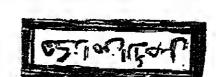
nium. The failure of my design, despite its success in passing all the tests sel for it, is a ghost that will haunt the Millennium Commission. It now looks like a bureaucratic body that is ill-equipped to respond to forward-looking ideas.

The decision to kill off the project also questions the whole process of

architectural competitions in this coun-

that look forward to the next millen-

try- which are often the best way to choose between rival designs. But above all, the biggest question is that, given the golden opportunity to reap-ply for Millennium Commission funding, and with a design improved to reflect its earlier critical reception. local factions took it upon themselves last week to kill off the project. It is for these individuals to identify them-selves and explain actions that will result in a great loss to so many people in Wales, who want to give their country a modern face that is open to the arts and innovation. These individuals must answer now publicly to the visitors to the museum, to the audiences in the theatre, and to the Welsh National Opera. They must explain why they have killed off Wales' flagship



freedom in its history that it isn't

sure what to do with it: and it

is wary of the consumer society

being thrust upon it by outside

investors. To what extent the

tened by its movie-makers is

foundation of Solidarity in 1980

was accompanied by the sub-

versive voice of Andrzej Wajda,

greatest director, notably in

Man of Marble (1976) and Man

next generation, among them Krzysztof Zanussi, Feliks Falk

and Krzysztof Kieslowski, all of

whom sent out parables about the corruption and incompe-

tence of the regime. These,

whether set among the bu-

requerats themselves, or in-

journalism, or in the world of

provincial theatre were easily

decipherable, but at the same

ume they managed to be pow-erful, subtle and clever.

Kieslowski has continued to

hold his place internationally,

perhaps by finding new subjects.

The other directors. I was told

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last year in Warsaw, are look-Poland today isn't very certain ing for movies worth making of itself. It has had so little and are not sure, in the changed Poland, what these are. Kieslowski studied, like An-

drzej Munk and Wajda; al the

Lodz Film School, graduating

end of Communism was has- in 1969. Though artistically indebted to Wajda he felt closer uncertain, but certainly the to Munk, who also came to features after experience as a documentarist. Indeed, Kieslowski was the leader of "The Cracow by general consent the country's Group", which in 1971 issued a manifesto to that effect, that they should learn from dealing with reality how to use their experiences subsequently in Polish movie-maker of the fictional features. His first feature was for television, The Underground Passage (Przejscie Podziemne. 1973), which he followed with Personel (1975), drawing on his own experiences directing for the stage. He also wrote the screenplay, which he later described as "half-documentary, half-feature with no clear dividing line. The point was that theatre is a

Of these film-makers only of reality happen in one place ... I called it "a pill of reality." That's why I set it in a theatre; it could be made anywhere, in a factory, in an office, it didn't matter." Juliusz Machulski played a theatre graduate working backstage, fascinated by the world of make-believe hut gradually becoming aware that that was only created by a comhination of ambition and devious politicking.

place in which various fragments

of life focus, various elements

The film won the Grand Prix at Mannheim, encouraging Kieslowski to express the point of view of those who do the manipulating. The Night Porter's Point of View (Z Punktu Widzenia Nocnego Portiera, 1978), a documentary short, allowed the night porter to express his satisfaction in the control he has in this job and another at week-



Krzysztof Kieslowski

A constructor of intricate puzzles: Samuel Lebihan and Irene Jacob in Kleslowki's last film, Three Colours - Red (1994)

ends as a park superintendent. in which capacity he has moral designs on even petty offenders. The authorities disliked the film, but allowed it to be shown the following year in a suburh of Warsaw, where it attracted crowds which didn't always stay.

for the main feature. Kieslowski once explained the difficulty of getting such films made: "It is simply a duty. I am trying all the time, I believe in trying. There is also a matter of pressure". He went on to say that after having 10 screenplays rejected there was always the possibility of an 11th slip-

es was subject to momentous

change, From the middle of the

20th century, the liturgical

movement promoted the view

that the celebrant, and therefore

ping through.
This is clearly what happened in the case of The Scan Blizna, 1976), Kiewlowski's first feature for cinema, ostensibly the story of a man (Franciszek Pieczka) who returns to his native town to construct a factory. The film managed to touch on the 1970 riots (caused when the government ordered price rises in staple foods just before Christmas), and this aspect - what Kieslowski called "the painful area of reality" gave Wajda his "way in" to Man of Marble. Camera Buff (Amaior, 1979)

meets Zanussi at a film showing and asks him why he makes movies. Zanussi replies that is

was written by Kieslowski and his leading actor, Jerzy Stuhr, who plays a factory worker who buys a camera to record the progress of his baby. As he is the only employee with a camera, he is invited to film the factory's 25th anniversary celebrations. After his movie wins a prize, he becomes so obsessed with movies that his marriage breaks down. Camera Buff's key scene is when the worker

and the dishonesty is caused by those who have taken it upon themselves to run our lives. Those people inevitably dis-

liked the film, but after it shared the Grand Prix at the Moscow Film Festival there was little point in banning it. Blind Chance (Przypadek, 1982) was, however, prohibited for five years. It starts with Witek (Boguslaw Linda) running for a train and shows, in tripartite form, what happens if he catches it or if he misses it. In the first place he meets a Communist of the old school, in the second he

last there is no train and he setties down to a humdrum life. No End (Bez Knoca, 1988) begins with its protagonist, a lawyer (Jerzy Radziwilowicz), already dead; he had been defending a working man accused under martial law for organising a strike. His widow, realising the State's evidence is weak, decides to take on the cause, and with her husband's ghost helps the worker's wife.

The changed climate in Poland brough Kieslowski the co-operation of Polish television for his series of hourlong moralities based on the Ten Commandments. Dekalog (1988), chiefly set on a Moscow housing estate. Two of them, 4 Short Film About Killing (Krot-ki Film O Zabijaniu) and A Short Film About Love (Krotki Film O Milosci), he expanded into features. Throughout the films there is little suggestion of a new Poland, as each grimly questions the role of authority and the re-sponsibility of the individual. There is no love in any of them - literally in A Short Film About Love, when its heroine pronounces that ejaculation is "all there is" to love. Life on this housing estate is unflinchingly cruel, though it does display Kieslowski's remarkable talent for commonplace details. What is less to the fore is the intellectual muscle of Blind Chance and No End - and their cele-

bration of the complexity of life.
The two "Short Films" did
more than those movies had done to establish Kieslowski on the art-house circuit, also enabling him to get French backing for La Double Vie de Véronique (1991), which followed the adventures, mainly amorous, of Weronika in Cracow and her name-sake and lookalike, Véronique, in Paris. The whole is an artificial whimbecomes a dissident, and in the sical box of conceits, as hermetic

Willie Gunn

as it is cerebral. Enigma follows enigma, as in its contemporary, The Crying Game, hat whereas everything in that film proved to have a purpose this becomes little but a series of irrelevancies. Neil Jordan's film tossed its audience to the fates, as kieslowski's used to do: this time Kieslowski gave the impression of a puppeteer only arrious to manipulate. Again in France (and Switzerland), Kieslowski did

his trilogy Trois Couleurs - Bleu (1993), Blanc (1993) and Rouge (1994), each purporting to examme qualities suggested by the French flag - liberty, equality, fraternity. This turned out not to be the case. Writing in Sight and Sound, Philip Strick found the second mere game-playing by Kieslowski and his co-writer [Krzystof] Piesiewicz So much mystery is engendered that it unfolds in a fog of imprecision". Writing in New York magazine of the third film, David Denby said, "There are moments of great beauty in everything Kieslowski does, but he's essentially a constructor of intricate puzzles; an artificer, perhaps, but not an artist."

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That was not a judgement anyone who admired his earlier films would ever have expected. Perhaps, after all. he found less to say once his homeland had found its freedom. Zanussi had temporarily filled his creative gap by becoming the art director on La Double Vie de Véronique. Perhaps we know why Kieslowski annonnced that Trois Couleurs: Rouge would be his last film - though he did appear to have changed

his mind before his illness. David Shipman Krzysztof Kieslowski, film director writer born Warsaw 27 June 1941; married (one daughter); died Warsaw 13 March 1996.

Michael Blee

Michael Blee was an enlightened architect and a gifted and inspiring teacher. But it was in his church work - which ranged from completing Douai Abbey to a recent design for a Seventh Day Adventist Church in Balham - that his heart lay, and it is for this that he will be re-

The son of a clergyman, born in 1931. Blee himself became an Anglican lay reader, aml strove all his professional life for the reunification of the arts in the life of the Church - something considerable, but the fact that that made him identify with the notion of being a "Goth".

He studied architecture at the Brighton College of Arts and Crafts (now Brighton University), and spent his National Service in the Royal Engineers in Malaya. This gave him the opportunity to produce a study of colour in Malayan village settlements for which he was later awarded the Royal Institute of British Architects' Owen Jones Studentship in 1957. He opted to be demobbed in the Far East, and went on to work in Singapore and in Cevlon (now Sri Lanka) as well as travelling to Japan. India and Greece where he researched sacred architecture, laying the foundations for his subsequent development. Back in England he joined his brother Anthony Blee, also an architect, working for Basil Spence. A Fulbright Award in 1957 then took him to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), followed by work at the Architects Collaborative under Walter Gropius.

Michael Blee's own work. consisting largely of housing and churches, was perhaps modest in commercial terms, but it was conducted over 30 years against a background of full-time teaching in the Brighton School of Architecture where he was responsible for the initiation and development of the Interior Design degree course, earned a PhD degree from Sussex University and was a central contributor to the activities of the RIBA in the south-east region and its Sussex branch. His standards never dropped and every-

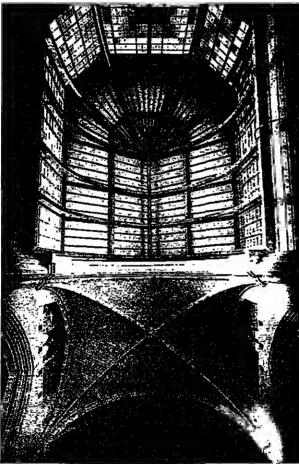
thing in which he was engaged was marked by a commitment to detail and a single-minded control which students and colleagues found equally demanding.

Two of his unrealised housing projects are memorable because of their scale of vision and sheer panache: a 37-storey hotel on Brighton scarront designed in 1980 and a massive housing scheme on a chalk cliff overlooking Lewes in 1975. The controversy over these was they were instrumental in getting people to talk about their environment delighted him.

riod when the design of church-

the position of the altar in a church, should be moved closer to the congregation. The rein-troduction of the altar from its isolated east-end location to the heart of the church was fully in accord with Blee's own convictions, and the use of structural expressionism, following the William Butterfield and G.E. Street tradition, seemed to him consistent with the kind of modernism he espoused. Such an attitude was wholly compatible with the reintro-Blee's career spanned a pe-

duction of able craftsmen and



Looking up to where Michael Blee's soaring roof of 1993 (top) meets the original at Douai Abbey Church Photograph: Nicholas Turpin

their expressions, not only in the use of their skills, but in their participation with him in an annual service of dedication and worship at Southease Church on the edge of the Ouse Valley. He was also a member of the Art Workers Guild.

important to him, and the extent of the awards, Civic Trust, RIBA and others, that he was given showed that these qualities of contextualism as well as invention, were widely professionally appreciated. Prize-winning projects included the Priory of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Sayers Common (1980), All Saints, Isleworth 1974), the Church of the Holy Innocents at Orpington (1984), St Paul's Church, Brentford (1992) and the soaring roofs and spaces of Douai's Ahhey Church (1993), at Woolhampton in Berkshire. Douai's abbey church was

built from 1928 to 1932, when the money ran out and it was left untinished. Fifty-five years later Michael Blee was commissioned to complete it. These dominant roofs of local materials were always accompanied by complex decorative features with some functional origin: turrets. aedicules (little canopied niches for statues of saints - one of Michael Blee's favourite words) and the like. Internally, they were marked by complex structural framing systems, often of wood, seeking the opportunity for "connective celebration" in the Pugin tradition. Similarly the interior fittings, made by his beloved craftsmen, always in fine materials, confirmed his conscious linking in the same tradition.

These huildings together show unmistakably the values. preoccupations, skills and attitudes of a much valued colleague and they will remain as witnesses to his commitment.

Peter Bareham

Michael Blee, architect: born Brighton, Sussex 8 March 1931; married 1960 Alexandra Loukatof (four sons, one daughter); died Lewes, Sussex 18 February 1996.

Willie Gunn gave his name to one of the most successful palterns of Scottish salmon fly ever devised, the fame of which has spread throughout the world. Today, salmon anglers would consider themselves to be improperly dressed were they to The "genius loci" of place was appear on the river bank with-

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out at least one Willie Gunn in their fly box. The pattern was designed toimitate a hair-wing version of a fully dressed Thunder & Lightning and the originator of the design was an RAF officer, Flt-"Dusty" Miller, who was based at Kinloss in Moravshire. not like: Gunn found employ-Miller dressed salmon flies for ment as a keeper, gillie and his name another famous Scottish salmon angler, Rob Wilson, of Brora, and the two men were anxious to rationalise the large number of hair-wing patterns which were then (in the late 1940s) beginning to appear in an everincreasing range of shapes and

Miller produced 25 patterns which he sent to Wilson for his comment and approval. Wilson was examining the newly-arrived flies in his shop one morning when Willie Gunn called to equip himself with a few patterns for a day's sport on the River Brora: "By gum," Gunn said to Wilson, pointing to one of the flies, "that looks bonny. If I had a choice, that's the one I would use." "Well," said Wil-son, "you must have it and we will name the fly the Willie

Gunn." During the course of his day's fishing Gunn caught six salmon on the fly, and on the brigade.

following day a further four. News of the "miracle" fly quickly spread throughout the north and within a short space of time the fly had established itself as a principal weapon in the salmon angler's armoury.

Willie Gunn was born in thetownship of Skerray on the wild north coast of Sutherland where his father was a crofter and fisherman. Gunn started work with the Forestry Commission in the Borgie Forest; the first forest to be planted in the north, in 1929. After trying his hand at farming, which he did stalker on the Sutherland Estates where he spent the remainder of his working life.

It was whilst Gunn was based at Loch Choire, in Caithness, on the south side of Ben Klibreck. that he caught his first salmon and fell in love with fishing. The salmon was taken from the River Mallart, a tiny tributary of the River Naver, and it weighed 161b. Ever after, Gunn was a confirmed salmon angler. The largest fish he landed was a magnificent specimen of 281b which he caught in the Bengie Pool of the River Brora.

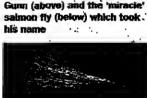
Gunn's salmon fishing technique was based upon precision: he never fished out a bad cast. If the first cast was wrong, he immediately corrected it and began again. He was always more concerned about covering known salmon lies effectively rather than following the ethos of the "chuck-it-and-chance it"





Gunn was also a good friend: and companion: reserved, gentle, courteous and kindly. Generations of salmon anglers' began their career under his careful guidance and he was one of the most respected members of the small Highland community in which he lived and worked, always ready to share his wealth of experience with fellow anglers. .

This is illustrated by a story been given a day on the Brora and when he arrived he noticed dered over to speak to Gunn.



told by Rob Wilson. Wilson had Gunn sitting by the stream, ap-parently without a rod. Wilson fished the pool and then wan-"Aye, Willie, grand day," said

ing the south bank, the north bank being reserved that day for Gunn's own use. On many Highland rivers, to fish someone else's water, in-

advertently or not, is nothing other than a hanging offence. Mortified, Wilson asked Gunn why he had not said something before he had started to fish down Gunn's pool: "That would never do," replied Willie, "I did not want to spoil your enjoyment." The matter was never mentioned again.

Wilson. Gunn replied politely

and then mentioned that Wil-

son had been fishing the wrong

bank: he should have been fish-

Gum's other great passion was motor cars, for latterly he acted as a chauffeur for the Sutherland family. His eyes would sparkle when he recalled the names of the cars he drove over the narrow, twisting roads between Inverness and Golspie: "What lovely cars they were: Lagondas, Rolls Royces, Armstrong Sidleys, BMWs Gunn claimed he had once driyen the route in under an hour,

no mean feat in those days. It is a mark of the regard in which he was held that Willie Gunn's funeral was attended not only by his many friends but also by many who knew of him only by the famous fly to which he gave his name.

Bruce Sandison

William Gunn, angler born Skerray, Sutherland 14 March 1909; married 1946 Euphemia Mackintosh; died Inverness 6. March 1996.

Marguerite Duras

In his obituary on Marguerite Duras [4 March], John Calder says that Robert Antelme – Duras's husband - was a rich

businessman, and that Antelme is portrayed in Moderato Cantabile, writes Anthony Rudolf. These are two serious errors of commission. Antelme was not a rich businessman and was not the model for the husband in that fictional work.

Berkeley Enos), choreographer,

1976; Sir Huw Pyrs Wheldon, broad-

caster, 1986. On this day: Asiatic

cholera first appeared in Ireland, at Belfast, 1832; Lake Albert, Africa,

was discovered and named by Sir Samuel Baker, 1864; the first production of The Mikado, by Gilbert and Sullivan, was staged at the Savoy Theatre, London, 1885; the first

submarine telephone line was laid by

the Monarch across the English Channel, 1891; the German cruiser

Dresden was sunk, 1915; a provisional

government was set up in Russia.

1917; the German Army began a re-treat to the Hindenburg Line, 1917; the first transatiantic radio broadcast

was made, 1925; a new translation of the New English Bible (New Testa-

ment) was published in London, 1961, Today is the Feast Day of St Eu-

tychius or Eustathius of Carrhae, Si Leobinus or Lubin and St Matilda.

In fact Robert Antelme worked for years as an editor at Gallimard. Calder also fails to signal the fact that the husband of Duras can himself be described as a great writer, albeit on the strength of one book: this is L'espèce humaine. As recounted in Duras's La Douleur and elsewhere, Antelme was an active member of the Resistance and was arrested by the Gestapo in 1944. He was rescued from Dachau by François

Mitterrand. Antelme's masterpiece, published in 1947 - the same year as Primo Levi's If this is a man, and echoing its title - finally appeared in American translation m 1992, entitled The Human Race. The book is mainly about his time in Gandersheim, a forced labour camp, and is the

only non-fiction work on the

camps to equal Levi's book. Marguerite Duras, with a large body of work of great originality and distinction, may be the more important writer but no single text of hers matches Antelme's phenomenology of servitude transcended. It is one of the great neglected books of the century outside its native country.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

Green Foundation, clo F. Harrison & Son. 40 Harrest Rd, Englefield Green. Telephone enquiries to 01784 432163. McCARTNEY: Alison Caroline Elhott

peacefully at home on Friday 8 March, after a long illness, Burial at Highgate Cemelery on Friday 15 March at 3pm. Ceremony afterwards at Lauderdale House. Highgate,

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Wills

Professor Robin Oliver Gandy of Oxford. Reader in Mathematical Logic, Oxford University 1969-86, left estate valued at £385,121 net. Susl Hush, of London W4, the television producer, left estate valued at Birthdays

neth Alexander, Chancellor, Aberdeen University, 74; Miss Pam Ayres, poet, 49; Mr Ian Bruce MP. 49; Mr Michael Caine, actor, 63; Mr Jasper Carrott, comedian, 51: Protessor Sir Colin Dollery, Dean, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, 65; Mr. Alan Elliott, Chief Constable. Cumbrio, 54; Lt-Gen Sir Peter Graham, former General Officer Commanding, Scotland, 59; Sir Philip Holland, former MF, 79; Mr Quincy Jones, handleader, 63, Sir Gavin Laird, chairman, Greater Manchester Buses North, 63: Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, 74: Mr John McCallum, actor and producer, 78; Lord Marsh, furmer chairman, Newspaper Publishers' Association, 8; Sir Érie Norris, former diplomat, 78: Mr Bill Owen, actor, 81; Sir Richard Parsuns, former ambassador to Sweden, 68; Dame Betty Paterson, former charman, North West Thames Health Authority, 8% General Paul Rader, General of the Salvation Army, 62; Miss Tessa Sanderson, javelin thrower, 40: Mr

Prince Albert of Monaco, 38; Sir Ken-

William Moore, Headmaster, Belfast Royal Academy, 55; Mr Anthony Smith. President, Magdalen Col-lege, Oxford, 58; Miss Rita Tushingham, aetress. 🔀 Sir Nicholas Wall, High Court judge, 51.

Anniversaries

Births: Georg Philipp Telemann, organist and composer, 16S1; Johann Strauss the Elder, composer, 1804; Victor Emmanuel II, King of Italy, 1829: Giovanni Virginio Schiaparel-li, astronomer, 1835; Mrs. Isabella Mary Beeton (Mayson), household and cookery writer, 1836; Paul Ehrlich, bacteriologist, 1854; Albert Einstein, physicist, 1879. Deaths: Jakon van Ruysdael, paimer, 1682; Admiral John Byng, executed for ne-glect of duty 1757; John Jervis, Earl of St Vincent, admiral of the fleet. 1823; Karl Marx, political philosooher, 1883; William Hale White-"Mark Rutherford" L novelist, 1913; Walter Crane, painter and illustrator, 1915; Cesar Cui, composer and writer, 1918; George Eastman, pho-tographic inventur, 1932; Nikolai

Ivanovich Bukharin, Russian jour-Lectures nalist and politician, executed 1938; National Gallery: Mari Griffith, "Li-Klement Gottwald, Czech leader 1953; Howard Hathaway Aiken, mathematician and computer pio-neer, 1973; Busby Berkeley (William

ons and Lambs (ii): Cosima Tura, Saint Jerome, 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Clare Philips. "Jewellery: the V&A's collection", 2.30pm. National Portratt Gatlery: Colin Wiggins, "The Significance of the Insignificant: 17th-century Dutch interiors". 1.10pm.
Exeter University: Terence Copley. The Baker's Dream: the Education

Reform Act 1988 and religious education". 5.15pm. RIBA Architecture Centre, London W1: Ruth Rosenthal and Clare Palerson, "Architecture on Film: the making of BBC2 Building Sights",

Luncheons

6.30pm,

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Sir Nicholas Bonsor Bt MP Minis-ter of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, hosted a lunch held yesterday at Lancaster House, Republic of Cuba

Dinners HMS Victory

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, hosted a dinner yesterday evening onboard his flagship HMS Victory, at Portsmouth Naval Base. Rear-Admiral J.E.N. Welch, Chief of Naval Staff New Zealand, Professor J.H. Newby. versity, and Mr W.G. Morrison, Chief Scout, also attended.

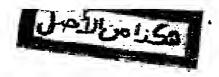
Foundation for Science and Technology Lord Butterworth was in the chair at

a Foundation for Science and Tech-nology lecture held yesterday evening at the Royal Society, London W1. Mr Duncan Matthews, Dr Bob Bishop, Mr Richard Drury and Mr Mike Pow-

ios Amat Fores, Minister of Justice. ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS
The Prince of Walas visits Spitalfields Market and Opera House, Loudon E1; and as President, Bushiess in the Community, attends the 10th anniversary celebrations of the Windsor Fellowship at St. James's Palace. The Princess Royal presents the Ritz Club Charity Trophy in the leading jockey of the Cheltenhum Festival, Gloncestershire, The Duke of Gloncester opens Brown Cloe Prinary School, Diston Priors, opens the new buildings at Lacon Childe Secondary School, Cleobury Mortimer, and visits Ludlow Lebsire Centre, Ludlow, Shrooshire. The Duchess of Ludlow, Shropshire. The Duchess of Gloscester opens the Daniel Turner Clin-ic at the Chelsen and Westminster Plospins. is at the Chelsen and Westminster Hospital.
London SWI. The Dulie of Kent, Honoray Air Vice-Marnhal, vistis Royal AirForce Linton-on-Once, York, North York, a
shire. The Duckess of Kent, Patrons, Vince The Duckess of Kent, Patrons, Awards, London Television Studies, Loudon SEI, Prince Michael of Kent attends
a reception at the Swiss Embassy, London,
WI, in honour of Peter Arengo Jones, the
author of Queen Victoria in Switzerland;
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WI, in honour of Peter Arengo Jones, the

Changing of the Guard
The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard st.
River Guards, Llang Nignegras Company Grenadier Guards mounts the Queen's Life Caurd at Backingham Palses, 11.30am, band provided by the Welsh Guards.



BAT shares knocked by US lawsuit news

A furious tobacco industry closed ranks yesterday after one of its smallest manufacturers broke the line by agreeing to settle two important liability cases in the United States. News of the out-of-court deal, which sets a dramatic and unexpected precedent, sent BAT's

shares tumbling in London.
Liggett, which makes about
2 per cent of American cigarettes including the Eve and Chesterfield brands, has offered to settle its portion of two class actions against the industry and could pay out between 2 and 7 per cent of its pre-tax income over the next 24 years to states attempting to recoup the cost of funding smokingrelated health care.

To settle a suit brought by 60 law firms on behalf of US smokers claiming to be addicted. Liggett has also agreed to pay a further 5 per cent of its pre-

DIANE COYLE

The number of people claiming

unemployment benefit in-

creased in February for the first time in two and a half years, delivering a blow to Chancellor

Legal landmarks in the long battle against tobacco companies in the United States 1957: First official warning from the US Surgeon General that excessive cigarette smoking may cause cancer

1971: Cigarette: advertising is banned from radio and television in the US, curb appealed by the tobacco companies. but upheld by the Supreme Court in 1972

than previously thought, and would kill 350,000 Americans that year

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1983: The landmark Cipollone case is brought, by a dying smoker who charged the companies with failing to give adequate warning about the dangers of smoking. Case finally dismissed in 1992, but courts rule

report, saying cigarettes are more dangerous that labelling law does not shield the companies from liability

1988: Surgeon General issues finding that cigarette smoking is addictive under the standards which apply to illegal drugs 1994: Castano vs American Tobacco Co, the first big class action suit in which 60 law firms seek massive punitive and compensatory damages for all past and present smokers

1994: Mississippi brings the first state lawsuit against the industry, seeking re-imhursement of medical costs incurred in treating smokers. Three other states have since filed similar lawsuits

development might actually clear away some of the uncertainty tha has dogged the industry. Liggett is the smallest o America's Big Five tobucco mak ers, which also include R.

Reynolds, American Tobacco Lorillard Tobacco and Philip Morris, Liggen's proposed dam age control exercise has enraged the other companies because up until now it has stood by them in a united front, to repel attack by litigators or governmen health agencies seeking stricte regulations on eigarettes.

Bennet LeBow, chairmar and chief executive of Liggett' parent company, Brooke Group, said in a statement that the agreement meant that Liggett's assets would "no longer be held hostage by the

tobacco litigation". "The tobacco industry has lived for too long with the possibility of financial catastrophs from product liability suits tha could destroy the industry.

1979: The Surgeon General issues a new

CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

tax income for 25 years. Pending approval by a federal court in Louisiana, it would be the first time a cigarette manufacturer has paid a single cent in legal redress for tobacco-relat-BAT which is involved in the

US lawsuits through its Brown & Williamson subsidiary, said it would continue to defend its position aggressively. It also pledged to continue the fight to prevent the US Food & Drug Administration from extending its jurisdiction to the tobacco industry.

Unexpected rise

in jobless figures

BAT was joined by the other US tobacco giants in its promise to fight on. Philip Morris, the into its constituent tobacco and US's biggest tobacco maker, said it remained "confident in food operations. Liggett is understood to be attempting to the strength of our litigation poforce RJR to take it over and sition, and we intend to fight and win all of the cases in which we the legal settlement is being seen as a deck-clearing move to are involved." Lorillard Tobacforce a bid. co said it had no plans to settle As part of the deal with the

any liability litigation. states of Florida, Massachu-A spokesman for BAT at-tempted to play down the im-pact of Liggett's decision to setts, Mississippi and West Virginia, Liggett has agreed to fund programmes to help people give break ranks with the rest of the up smoking. The states would industry, claiming that the move use the money to help cover costs of treating smoking-induced dis-

eases, as well as education pro- ulated by US tobacco compagrammes to persuade people to quit cigarenes. Liggett also said it had agreed

to comply with regulations proposed by the Clinton adminiscigarettes to children - for example by prohibiting the use of cartoon characters in cigarette advertising.

If the court accepts the deal, Liggett would be absolved from further liability in a class-action suit built on the argument that nicotine levels in cigarettes have been deliberately manipnies to foster addiction.

Anti-tohacco campaigners have been increasingly confident of substantiating that claim since Jeffrey Wigand, a former BAT employee in the US and the industry's highest ranking defector, turned on his former company, claiming it had long known that tobacco was an addictive drug even when it made public statements to the contrary.

The consortium taking on the tohacco companies represents millions of smokers, as well as former smokers. The total num-

ber of plaintiffs involved could add up to 50 million people.
Industry analysts were divided yesterday over the likely impact of Liggett's move. One said: "The settlement is tantamount to an admission of guift for the whole tobacco industry and that could affect their ability to contest legal action against them. There is no cap on the potential liability of all the tohacco companies to pay compensation to smokers and

pay the cost of treating smoking-related illnesses. Others claimed, however, the



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Kenneth Clarke's hopes that consumers would soon begin to feel the benefits of economic recovery. But low growth in earnings in the year to January, the key month for pay settlements, vesterday encouraged hopes of 1990 91 92 93 94 95 96 . further interest rate cuts. The Government shrugged off last month's increase in the the economy. There is a very re-

number of claimants as a onefiff fluctuation around the downward trend, and some City economists agreed that unemployment would resume its decline. Kevin Darlington at brokers Hoare Govett said: any significant impact from the recent spate of rate cuts." On the other hand, some

George doubts wisdom

terday that he doubted the wis-

dom of pressing ahead with the

single currency until EU coun-

tries had addressed their un-

employment problem, writes

Diane Coyle. But opting out

would not be a soft option for

the UK, he said at a Royal In-

stitute for International Affairs

Mr George said many Euro-

pean countries were starting to

tackle high unemployment

through deregulation of their labour markets. This could have

a big effect on the pattern of real

wages and jobs, and would

make it risky to press ahead with

speciable argument that interest rates must fall further," said Neil Mackinnon, chief economist at Citibank.

· Michael Meacher, Labour's employment spokesman, commented: "The unemployment is now the central fact of out есопошу."

Unemployment climbed by tnok a glummer view of the out- 6,800 to 2.21 million in Februlook. "The number is not a ary, after dropping by 28,300 in fluke, it reflects the weakness in January. The news dashed ex-

"I am concerned that the

Treaty timetable is producing a

sort of sprint to the line by the

end of next year which is not

necessarily belpful in its im-

mediate economic effects," he

monetary union, be concluded.

At the same conference, Adair

of rush towards EMU

Eddie George, Governor of the single currency on an arbithe Bank of England, said yestrary calendar.

running, although the Central Statistical Office said industrial action at benefit offices might partly account for the rise. Oftrend at a fall of 10,000 a month. The rise in joblessness fell entirely on men - female unemployment declined slightly. The rise was also concentrat-

pectations that joblessness would have fallen for the 30th month

ed in the North and Midlands, which had seen the biggest falls in January. But unemployment increased in all regions apart from the South-east, East Anglia and Northern Ireland,

Northern Irish unemployment was the lowest for nearly 15 years, although its jobless rate 11.4 per cent remains the highest in the UK.

Yesterday's figures provided further evidence of recent Employment in manufacturing dived by 27,000 in January, nearly wiping out the increase in the final quarter of last year. David Walton, UK economist at Goldman Sachs, said: "A few months of rising unemployment are likely as firms, particularly in manufacturing, shed labour in response to belowtrend growth in output."

In addition, the number of vacancies at JobCentres - about a third of the total - fell for the third month running, down by 400 to 186,900.

The combination of stable earnings growth and a fall in employment meant annual growth of unit labour costs in mannfacturing fell sharply, from 5.0 per cent to 3.0 per cent Britain would have to pursue

Sterling weakened against responsible macro-economic policies as much outside as inside the German mark in reaction to the figures. Renewed concerns about tensions within the Gov-Turner, director-general of the CBI, said the benefits of ceernment over Europe and the UK political outlook also conmenting the single market had to tributed. The pound ended just be weighed against the danger of over half a pfennig lower at industry becoming uncompetitive if tied to the single currency. DM2.2424.

Anglo buys up Tiny's £91m Lonrho stake

Anglo American Corporation, the South African mining giant, yesterday signalled its interest in Lonrho's mining Interests by paying £91m for Tiny Row-land's 5.85 per cent stake in the mining to hotels conglomerate.

Anglo has also been given first refusal for 18 months of the 18.5 per cent holding owned by Lonrho chief executive Dieter Bock. If granted, this would give it effectively a controlling stake when Lonrbo's mining interests

are demerged later this year. The deal, at 200.36p a share, sent Lourho's shares 8p higher at 202p yesterday. It marks possibly the final bow for Tiny Rowland from the group he led in combative style for 33 years

before the arrival of Mr Bock in 1992. The stake bought by Anglo represents the bulk of his remaining holding in Lonrho, which was sold to Mr Bock last Thursday under a put and call option. Mr Bock's company, Laerstate BV, passed the holding on to Anglo at the same price at which Mr Rowland ex-

ercised his put option. Anglo has committed itself not to make a general offer for Lonrho ahead of the demerger. Thereafter, it could swap its stake in the non-mining side for Mr Bock's shares in the mining business. Analysts said the deal puts Anglo in a strong position to shut out other potential buyers of the Lonrho assets, including American Barrick

Resources and Gencor.

down for Glaxo Wellcome.

Radical shake-up for Unilever chiefs

NIGEL COPE

Unifever, the Anglo-Dutch consumer products giant, yes-terday announced a shake-up of its Byzantine management structure designed to separate strategy from operational functions and make its managers more accountable.

investment banks, yesterday celebrating their third year of stable profits with a record £197m. Investment column, page 18 Photograph: Jane Baker

The shake-up includes the abolition of the group's longstanding three-man special comminec which used to combine both strategic and operational responsibility. Instead, a new seven man special committee will look after strategy while operational decisions are pushed down to 14 new business groups.

It is the first part of an orga-

nizational review being con-ducted by Niall FitzGerald, who will succeed Sir Michael Perry as

chairman in September. Sir Michael said he had conthat common functions such as brand marketing and research and development meant the group was better left together.

The shake-up received a cautious welcome in the City which had been concerned that Unilever's rigid "top down" structure hampered its ability to move into new markets such as China and the Far East. The shares rose 30p to £12.28 though there were concerns about further restructuring charges as some bead office

job losses seem likely.

One analyst said: "It is a ster in the right direction as Unilever's structure has remained pretty much the same since the 1930s. But what we residered demerger but decided ally need from this company is

growth." The new seven-man committee comes into effect in Sep-tember and will be led by the two chairmen Morris Tabaksblat and Mr FitzGerald, together with the finance director, personnel director and three category

The presidents of the 14 business groups will be directly responsible for profitability and the execution of strategy in their own

markets. Comment, page 19

It's Britain's best-managed business, once again

Fresh evidence that Britain has years. only a handful of world-beating companies comes with the latest Quality of Management Awards, Marks & Spencer bas taken the first prize - to follow last year's victory and the year before's second place. Runnerup Glaxo Wellcome was fourth last time and, in its pre-merg-

before, while British Airways was third in each of the past two

The awards - sponsored by opinion pollsters Mori and PÁ Consulting Group's Sundridge Park management centre - rank companies according to their performance in 18 key areas. Rankings are based on the views of three audiences canvassed by Mori - institutional investors, business and financial

press and captains of industry. Although there was some divergence on the importance of each criterion, the three groups are broadly agreed on which are the best-managed companies in

However, as Roger Stubbs,

chairman of Mori Financial,

points out, "there is no magic

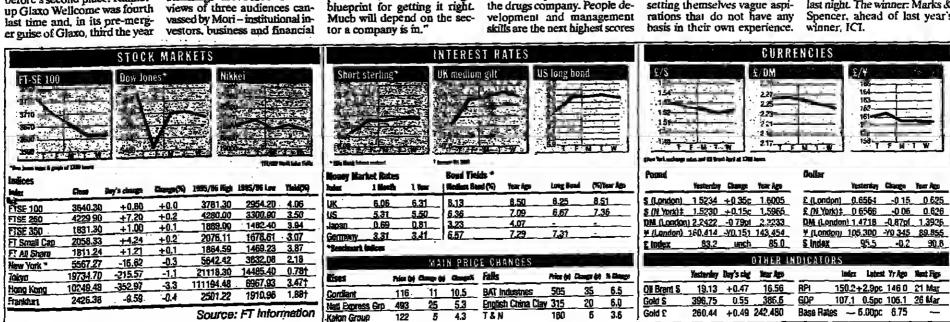
Accordingly, while both M&S and Glaxo Wellcome score well in strategy, this is the highest scoring factor for the drugscompany and only the second highest, after brand development, for the retailer.

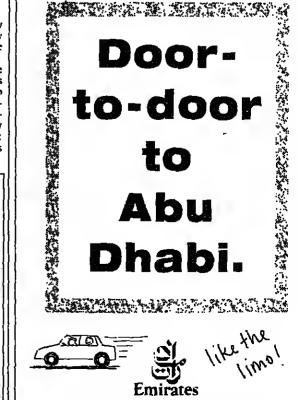
also receive a similar score for R&D, which comes nowhere the criterion on which it seeks for the stores group, is the sec-ond most important criterion for to differentiate itself. There is not much point in companies the drugs company. People desetting themselves vague aspirations that do not have any velopment and management skills are the next highest scores basis in their own experience.

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for M&S - but much lower They must decide what they want to do and then throw Mori's Mr Stubbs says that their resources at it to ensure the successful company will althat they succeed." ways be strong on strategy and/or leadership, but must

And as if to demonstrate what a select band of companies this is, the same group made up the front-runners for the Quality of Governance Award presented at the same ceremony last night. The winner: Marks & Spencer, ahead of last year's







COMPLIMENTARY LIMOUSING WHEN YOU FLY FIRST OR BUSINESS CLEAS TH THE GULF WITH AWARD-WINNING EMIRATES CALL US OR YOUR TRAVEL AGENT



CITY DIARY
John Willcock

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The trial of Elizabeth

Maggie Drummond will have

daily operations of the clean-

ing (sic), customer service and treasury departments". So

don't forget your mop.

Here's a Merrill Lynch staff-

leaving story with a difference.

Recently all the talk has been

of Smith New Court people

the takeover by Merrill, Last Friday two Merrill people de-

cided to go. Kim Barrett and Phil Hyde on the European

equity sales desk have gone to rival investment bank Lehman

A Merrill spokesman did

observed yesterday: "If they

are moving from a Tier One

bank to a Tier Two bank they

will have to have been attract-

Lord Wakeham - known as

Lord Fixit for his role in

ed by a good package."

not know the exact figure, but

for a rumoured million

stalking off in a buff following

to burn the midnight oil to

meet this deadline.

The group made another fierce declaration of independence yesterday,

Mercury steps up mobile phone battle

Business Editor

Mercury One-2-One, the cellular phone company, vesterday slepped up the battle for market share by bringing forward its plans for full national coverage.

The move came as its rival. Orange, which like Mercury One-Ž-One is an entirely digital service, prepares for a £2.4hn flotation later this month on the back of a rapid increase in

Richard Goswell, managing director of Mercury One-2-One, said the company planned still further.

NIGEL COPE

Stephen Hinchliffe's fast ex-

panding Facia group, made

its first move on the Continent

yesterday when it acquired a

German shoe chain, Bata

Schuhe, Though the purchase price was not disclosed it is

thought to have been a dis-

count to the company's net as-

set value of £12m. Bata has 110

shops and sales of around

£50m hut made a small loss last

There has been speculation for some time that Mr Hinch-

liffe may be about to expand into Europe. However, most analysts believed the company

already had a heavy workload

digesting the myriad of acqui-

sitions it has made in the last

Mr Hinchliffe now controls

Sock Shop, Salisbury's, Oak-land menswear and Red or

Dead as well as a rati of shoe shops including Saxone, Free-

man Hardy Willis and Curtess.

His latest deal gives Facia

more than 1,000 shops with

combined sales of £350m and

to change the name of the Ger-

mun chain to one of its UK

brands, with Saxone the most

likely. The name has some

The company says it intends

8.400 employees.

Hinchliffe

makes move

into Europe

to double its coverage to 80 per cent of the population by the end of this year. 90 per cent by the middle of next year and 95 per cent by December 1997.

Mercury has been trailing in the national stakes because of the narrowness of its coverage and the announcement brings forward and expands its investment programme.

The changes are bound to increase the pressure on the three other companies in the highly npetitive cellular phone market - Orange, Vodafone and Cellnet - to improve tariffs

prominence there as a shoe

Mr Hinchliffe said: "We

have always intended to make

ly as possible. Initially we

thought that franchise opera-

tions would he the fastest

route and we are making

progress on that front in a

number of countries, but have

kept our eyes open for suitable

acquisitions to accelerate the

ropean acquisitions and fran-

chise deals could not be ruled

out. A UK womenswear chain

Gary O'Brien said the German

deal would help the group's UK

operations by opening up fresh

avenues of supply and distrib-ution. He added that the Ger-

man operation had its own

management team in place and so would not be a drain on Fa-

cia's resources. "We anticipate

that the German company can

undertake many of the func-

tions presently requiring visits to the Continent from the UK."

of accounts in April. The ac-

counts will cover the period be-

tween August 1994, when the

company acquired Salishury's, to January 1995.

Facia is due to file its first set

Facia's chief operating office

is still n the shopping list.

He added that further Eu-

of new tariffs announced over the last few months as the industry has fought for new cus-

Mercury said nothing about further tariff changes but admitted these were bound to come in the mobile market as competition continued. It is spending £30m on an advertising and marketing campaign.

Mereury originally set its investment programme at £895m with a target of 65 per per cent coverage of the population by the end of this year and 90 per cent by the end of 1997.

This has now been rolled forward about six months, and increased to £970m to pay for an increase in the ultimate target coverage from 90 to 95 per cent.

Mr Goswell said Mercury had "successfuly outsold Orange in our coverage areas since we and they launched." He claimed 27 per cent of gross sales and 19 per cent of the market in these areas, though national figures for Mercury are much smaller, reflecting its poor coverage. "Our challenge is to take these good figures to the rest of the country" be said.

Mr Goswell denied the tim-

nouncement was anything to do with the flotation of Orange, whose prospectus was published on Tuesday.

Last year, Mercury agreed turnkey construction contracts with Ericsson and NorTel which had been designed to be flexible so they could be accelerated if necessary. "We have now confirmed we can achieve the new targets," he said. Mercury plans to launch in Manchester in April and had made the announcement so customers in the North could feel more confident about the service.

that its customer numbers passed 400,000 in March, compared with 340,000 last Seplember.

Orange is likely to argue as its flotation approaches that Mercury One-2-One expansion is unlikely to damage its own prospects and will help to encourage mobile phone usage.

Both Mercury and Organge have moved away from the philosophy of the original two en-trants to the market, Vodafone and Cellnet, which have used their tariffs to encourage low usage customers.

profits power ahead

JOHN EISENHAMMER

SBC Warburg demonstrated

A rocky start to the merger and a rash of senior defections Bank Corporation.

Georges Blum, SBC's chairabove expectations.

"The two main rationales un-derlying the SG Warburg ac-quitions were thus realised in the first year of the merger; we were able to achieve substantial synergies on the cost side and expand our client franchise, which

The early success of the merged securities operation was reflected in a "quantum jump" of 195 per cent in operating revenues to £693m. This was not only the result of favourable market conditions but also of the substantial synergies from the Warburg acquisition.

Warburg

the strengths of the combined City investment banking pow-erhouse with a sharp jump in pre-tax profits to £455m.

did not stop Warburg - which made a small loss last year from contributing strongly to the investment banking business under its new owner, Swiss

man, said that cost savings of £137m had been achieved as a result of the integration, well

resulted in a significantly stronger deal flow," he said.

Corporate finance operating revenues rose by 700 per cent to 202m, thanks to the M&A boom. But SBC conceded that the pick-up was initially subdued. Corporate finance has sufdefections, with morale still weak, and a string of hig client losses adding to the difficulties. Last week SBC Warburg was fired by Halifax as its adviser.

Yesterday's profit figures combined the old SBC investment hanking operations as well as Warburg. Swiss Bank Corp reported a 30 per cent increase in group 1995 net profit



Deadline: Elizabeth Forsyth needs a fast final chapter

A big job ad appeared in yes-terday's Financial Times for a "VP Head of Operations for putting numerous government initiatives back on track the futures broking arm of a major European Bank. Reis today awarded the chartered accountants' Oscar. sponsibilities of the position Officially known as the would include "overseeing the Founding Societies' Cente-

nary Award, the prize has been granted annually since 1980 by the London, Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield Societies of Chartered Accountants (the four societies that predate the setting up of the institute) to a bean counter who has made an "outstanding contribution

in any field of endeavour".

Past winners include Sir Renneth Cork, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the late Lord . Benson, Sir Bryan Carsberg, Nigel Rudd and the Right Rev Jun Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells. Evic Bowyer, chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants; observed yesterday, somewhat desper-

ately: "It is very important for our profession that we recognise just how wide-ranging can be the influence of cha tered accountants."

Deal nears in \$375m Chile fund fight

The bitter battle for control of one of the biggest Latin American investment trusts appeared close to settlement yesterday after the two warring parties. Regent Kingpin Acquisitions and GT Capital Management announced that they had finally reached a provisional deal.

The outline agreement brings an end to months of warfare

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Chile Fund, which dragged down Chilean shares and trapped millions of pounds invested by some of Britain's biggest managers - including

Standard Life and Gartmore. Under the terms of the deal hammered out between RKA and GT. shareholders in GT's contested Chile Fund will have a choice of investment funds managed by either party or get

still needs the approval of 75 per cent of GT Chile shareholders. the London Stock Exchange, and the Cayman Islands and Chilean authorities.

The takeover battle for the Cayman Islands-based fund. one of the biggest single investors in the Chilean stockmarket, was launched last year hy RKA, part of the Regent Pacific Group, in Hong Kong.

m mom G1. the Chile Fund's managers, RKA managed to seize control of 64 per cent of the investment trust's shares. However, GT. advised by a team at Swiss banking group UBS, together with Barings, fought a rearguard battle over the fund.

Under the terms of the deal two separate funds will be set up, managed by GT and RKA respectively. Minority sharehold-

Continental foothold: The German shoe chain Bata Schuhe yesterday joined Saxone;

Curtess and Red or Dead as part of Stephen Hinchliffe's Facia group.

Philip Stephens, a managing director at UBS, said: "All the shareholders can get cash, and those investors who want to redo so. We hope that a significant proportion of shareholders will choose that option although it is obviously up to them. Under the terms of the deal

ers in the GT Chile Fund and those holding RKA preference shares will be able to choose either manager or take cash.

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THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Edited by TOM STEVENSON Hiccup at Reed fails to dent confidence Reed's recent failure to sell its con-information is written off - and last—sheet and a pleasing lack of regula-sumer books arm was a hiccup in an —year a 10 per cent rise in sales resulted —tory uncertainty. All that comes at a otherwise happy relationship with the in a 50 per cent boost to profits. City. Yesterday's full-year figures, So running its businesses well, and showing a 19 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £723m, did nothing to upset investors confidence. The with a good track record on acquisitions, attention now focuses on how well Reed can spend a war chest which shares, which have more than doubled the company estimates at as much as L3bn, an amount which would still Gloomy view at in the past three years, closed 19p leave it with a comfortable interest cov-Operating in a rapidly-changing en-vironment, where electronic pub-lishing is making rapid and unpredictable inroads into tradier of 6 times. No deals are imminent hut expect them to be in the US, the largest and most sophisticated market for the electronic publishing Reed has increasingly in its sights. English Cbina Clays, the world's higgest producer of minerals for the tional printed media, Reed has three

ing its existing print operations, keep-ing ahead of the game as the industry goes electronic and spending its prodigious eash flow. As far as the first task is concerned. selling out of its lower-margin consumer operations makes abundant sense. The returns, and quality of earnings, to be had from scientific. professional and business publishing are eminently preferable. Elsevier Science, for example, saw profits jump 12 per cent from an 8 per cent sales

tasks, all of which these latest results

suggest it has safely in hand: manag-

increase with subscription renewals higher than expected. Recruitment advertising boosted Reed Business Publishing and operating profits bounced 30 per cent as a result. The IPC consumer magazines managed a 19 per cent profits rise as new products, cover price rises and cost-cutting more than made up for

higher paper prices. The move into electronic publishing was given a huge lift by the December 1994 purchase of Lexis-Nexis which gives Reed an entree into the lucrative and rapidly-growing market among lawyers and other protessions for on-line information. One of the big attractions of database publishing is that incremental sales tend to feed straight through to profits once the initial cost of setting up the

increasingly in its sights.

Looking ahead the outlook appears as bright as ever. One broker is forecasting earnings growth over the der outgoing chief executive Andrew next three years of a better than average 14 per cent per annum. Reed offers investors a unique exposure to period and profits still remain short erage 14 per cent per annum. Reed international information markets, high quality earnings, a strong balance

Five-Year record

Reed Market value:

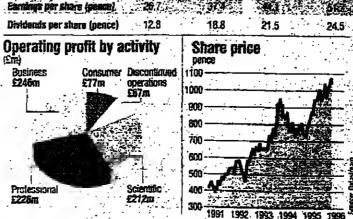
price, of course, and on the basis of pre-tax profits of almost £800m this year, the shares stand on a prospective p/e of 19. About right.

paper industry, has precious little to show for five years of restructuring un-

China Clays

of the £100m they reached in 1990.
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for the first time since 1990 was pre-mature. The £2.1m increase in fullyesterday was well short of expecta-tions. But what really hit sentiment tions. But what really hit sentiment was ECC's gloomy view of the paper market, which accounts for 70 per cent of the whymes of the market was the subject of the whymes of the market was a subject to the market was a subject t of the volumes of the group's two main. minerals business

Despite a string of profits warnings from last autumn plainly caught the group unawares.

What makes it worse for ECC is its pparent inability to cash in on a rise the cycle, which was still in full swing in the first part of 1995. The lion's share of last year's 11 per cent rise in operating profits to £62.2m in the European minerals business came from ost savings. Price rises were a mea-

eciality chemicals business based on ell short of the promised 10 per cent, umping from 8.6 per cent to 6 per

Against that uninspiring hacking profits of just £93m this year, suggests the shares are high enough.

Schroders shows its strengths

vantages of its fund management are high enough.

cision to raise the balf-way dividend strength with a third year of near stable profits in a habitually volatile sector. Pre-tax profits in 1995 inched up to year profits to £95.1m unveiled £197.3m, and Schroders increased the dividend by 17 per cent to 16p per.

formance made up for a 5 per cent drop in investment banking profits to £104m. A lot of merchant banks from paper companies, the extent of found the early part of last year the destocking which became evident tough going, and Schroders was no exception, with first-half investment eanking profits down 33 per cent. But it pulled back in the second half. The big worry was the 21 per cent

leap m costs, well ahead of revenue

growth at 14 per cent. Schroders insisted this was budgeted for, and reflected investment and restructuring right across the business. This year it wants to keep the rise in costs below ost savings. Frice rises were a mea-re 2 to 3 per cent at a time when pa-ier prices were soaring.

ECC continues to face the problem hat its main kaolin business is losing narket share. At the same time, the maintain its corporate finance strength, algon, acquired in 1993, has not lived does indicate a more risky strategy. It p to expectations. Margins remain hurts the operating margin going forward, and makes the business more

exposed to a decrease in revenues. But the fund management side Against that uninspiring hack-cound, a forward p/e of 15, assum-cent growth in funds under management to £74bn. Schroders is) thing here for significant opportunities in the UK and internationally, both on the retail as well as the wholesale side.

justifying the ebbing of the bid pre-mium, which has taken about 25 per A slip in investment banking earnings cent off Schroders' shares. Even afand a sharp jump in costs took some fifther sheen off record profits at schoolers yesterday. But as one of the few independent UK investment cheap in the short term given the integral of the shares and the shares. banks left it demonstrated the ad- certainty on revenues and the shares

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Financial insecurity means no early return of feelgood factor

A lot of Conservative MPs are resting their re-election hopes on the economy, on the theory that more growth and less unemployment will inject some feelgood into the voters. The trouble with this theory is that the lack of feelgood has nothing to do with the state of the business cycle. The country is not suffering an attack of economic nerves which some 1980s-style retail therapy will soothe away. We have had a

complete change of economic The lack of optimism among voters is clearly linked to the jobs market, and unemployment is one aspect of it. As the great Fats Domino once said: "A lot of fellows nowadays have a BA, MD or PhD. Unfortunately they don't have a JOB."

The small rise in the claimant count last month after 29 successive declines, reported yesterday, shows that falling unemployment cannot be taken for granted. Even so, Britain's jobless rate is one of the lowest in the European the lowest in the European Union. Yet its decline has had almost no effect on consumer

confidence.

Having a job, or more chance of finding one if unemployed, is therefore not very effective feelgood medicine. The reason it cannot do the trick is the wide-spread and deep sense of job in-security.

ECONOMIC VIEW

DIANE COYLE

There is a bit of a puzzle here. The figures on measures of ac-tual job insecurity do not suggest that it has changed very much. For example, according to an article in the latest issue of the Economic Journal, average actual job tenure has fallen only 10 per cent between 1975 and 1992, which is noticeable but not catastrophic. The fall has been concentrated on unskilled men. Others have seen barely any change in their average length of time in one job. This evidence is in line with earlier research.

stayed flat and the number of jobs has risen instead. The presumption is that as the econoweakens it will be jobs rather than hours that are cut. This makes overtime hours a

good predictor of levels of consumer confidence. Professor Peter Spencer of Birkbeck College, London has found that hours beat all other candidates such as unemployment, inflation and bousing market indicators in ability to explain confidence or its absence. The average level of overtime is also a very

As Fats Domino once said: 'A lot of fellows have a BA, MD or PhD. What they don't have is a JOB'

good match for the only direct measure of job insecurity we There is, though, one clue about the effect of employment deregulation on jobs. That is the striking failure of overtime have. That is the question in the annual British Social Attitudes Survey about whether responhours to rise during the 1990s. dents expect the number of In past recoveries, as the chart jobs at their own place of work shows, overtime climbs with

So there is some evidence that job insecutity has increased and contributed to our feeling bad. Bis is only half the story other half is the siwithdrawal of wel-- no fits. Professor Spencer says: "The labour market has become more uncertain at exactly the same time that the safety net has been pulled away." Although Chancellor

Kenneth Clarke seems to understand the significance of simultaneously deregulating the labour market and privatising welfare, many of his colleagues A new book* by Tony Atkinson, an Oxford University expert, spells out the weakening of the safety net as a result of

recent government policy. Take pensions, for example. Professor Atkinson calculates that the basic state pension amounted to about 42 per cent of the average income in 1979. By 1990 it had fallen to 32 per cent, and it will be down to less than a quarter by 2010. He quotes Michael Portillo on the basic pension - it "is going to be worth a nugatory amount in the coming century.

People are meant to top up their old age income from one of three sources; the state earnings related pension, an occupational pension or a personal pension. Since 1986 Serps has been scaled down so much that

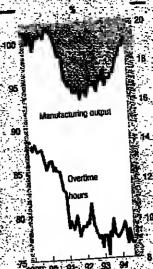
it could leave many people with less than a minimum adequate

retirement income. Most people with occupa-tional pensions should be pro-vided with enough but - even apart from any more Robert Maxwell-style difficulties schemes might not be able to fulfil the pension promise for a variety of reasons ranging from bankruptcy of the employer to gaps created by unemployment or illness. Personal pensions carry investment risk and the uncertainty about the rate of annuity which can be purchased

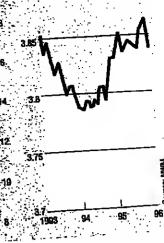
at the end. The probability is that pensioners will be on increasingly unequal incomes in the next century, with retirement in-come determined by decisions made 25 years earlier about which type of pension to choose - and luck. The increase in inequality is already apparent. The average pension grew 38 per cent between 1979 and 1991, but for the richest tenth of pensioners incomes grew 62 per cent. At the other end of the scale the proportion of pensioners with incomes of less than half the national average rose from 16 per cent in 1979 to

about 34 per cent now. Pensions are not the only new long-term financial worry. People are increasingly beginning to consider how they will pay for long-term care for their

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parents or themselves - and any-one with more than £16,000 in assets - that is, any home owner - has to fund it themselves. Sales of insurance policies to

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ly as a perk for those with jobs. by as a perk for those with jors.

Owner-occupiers are increasingly taking out policies to provide unemployment cover now that housing benefit no longer

Overtime hours beat all other candidates to explain consumer confidence or its absence

cover the risk of needing longterm care grew 40 per cent in the

Then there is the need many feel to save for their childrens schooling and higher education. Private health insurance continues to grow, although main-

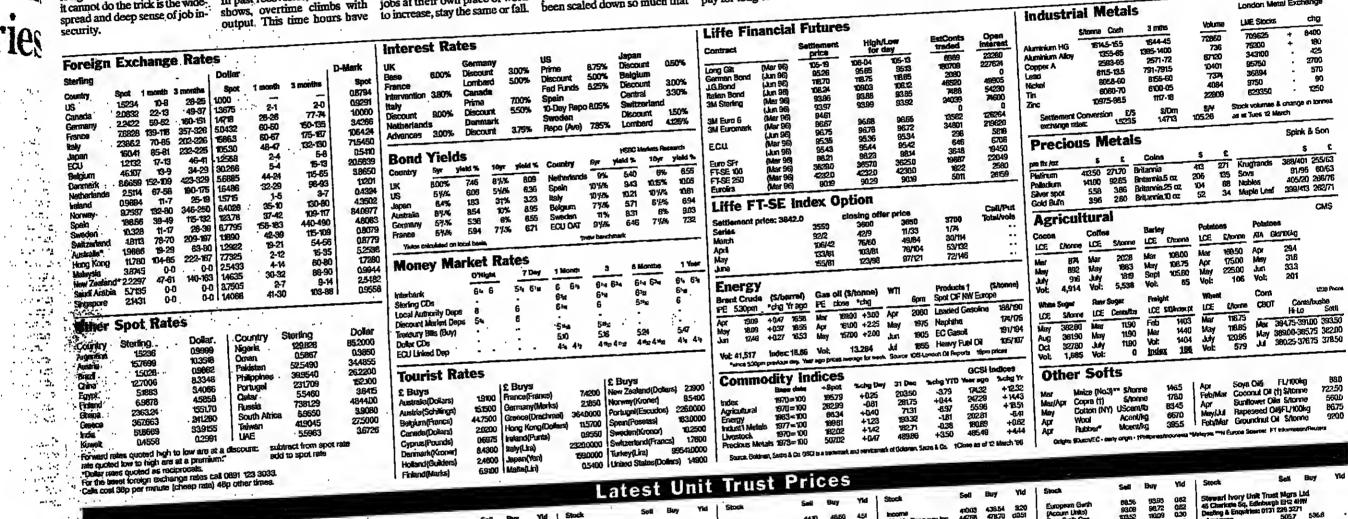
covers the mortgage for the first six months of unemployment. Income has to be earmarked, by

those who have jobs, for pension contributions, additional insurance cover, and higher precautionary savings. Professor Spencer puts it

eloquently: "People of our gen-eration had a fantastic education with a lot of money pumped into schools, no problems getting jobs after university, a housing boom, good public service. It is only now that we are beginning to face any

problems."
And what problems. Britain's stubborn refusal to feel good. despite the economic background of steady growth and low inflation the Chancellor likes to emphasise, is not due to a lack of jobs, or even a lack of job security, but a lack of lifetime financial security. It will not be remedied before the election.

Incomes and the Welfare State, AB Atkinson, Cambridge University Press., £15.95 or £40



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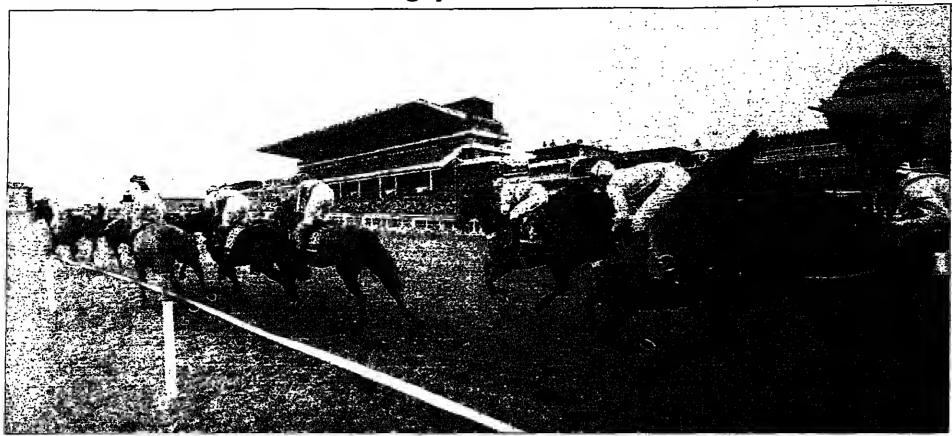
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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL: A favourite grey on the brink of wider fame is ready to shatter the statistics stacked against him



Up hill and down dale: The runners in yesterday's opening race get a taste of what awaits One Man and his rivals in today's Cheltenham Gold Cup Photograph: David Ashdown

One Man cast in the hero's role

RICHARD EDMONDSON Racing Correspondent

Someone tried to steal the Gold Cup from a Cheltenham iewellers in a ram-raid a fortnight ago. This week the prevailing feeling has been that One Man will have to be hit by a truck to stop the trophy go-

ing back to Cumbria. The grev's dominance of steeplechasing is such that bookmakers have been betting not only on whether he wins this afternoon's Blue Riband but

also by how far. Those who would like to see him victorious include people with ante-post vouchers in their pockets and others with romance in their hearts. One Man holds the promise of great- tured just about every major ness, a horse who is one final prize that steeplechasing can of-

sport's most eminent names. His attributes are manifold. For a winter horse, One Man possesses unusual speed and would be a considerable force at distances much shorter than the three miles two furlongs he will negotiate today; fences seem to provide little hindrance to his impetus - when One Man jumps he bounces over. And al-

though he does not need the as-

sistance, the good ground that

suits him best has arrived in the Cotswolds His qualities are hardly compromised by the fact that he is trained by Gordon Richards. The man from Greystoke is closing in on 2,000 winners during his 30 plus years with a licence and, at 66, he has cap-

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push away from joining the fer, The Gold Cup, however, re- George VI Chase already unmains a conspicuous omission and it is not a race of great good fortune for Richards. This is the seventh Blue Riband contestant he has saddled and many that have gone before have failed when well fancied. RICHARD EDMONDSON

> (Cheltenham 2.50) NB: Our Kris (Cheltenham 2.15) There is other evidence for the doomsters, because as well as the Cheltenham hill, One

NAP: Treble Bob

Man will also have to clamber over a mountain of statistics. Short-priced favourites have a deplorable record at the Festival, as do horses who come to Presthury Park with the King or hurt the horse." CHELTENHAM 2.15: DARTER, who docked a smart time when beating Deymlar by sev-

a fair each-way bet at 14-1 with Ladbrokes, Magical Lady, Escartefigue. Paddy's Return, Dehntante Days and Mistinguett are dangers. 2.50: Seeking Cash would be a far

en lengths at Windsor, will be suited by the drying ground and looks

bester suited by decent going hut that run may have taken its toll. Dershorter price if he had not been beatrymoyle has every chance but is plen-

der their belts.

Some vocalise, rather unconvincingly, that One Man will not quite last out today's trip, but there is possibly more substance to the helief that Cheltenham is not his ideal arena. He has won 10 of his last 11 completed starts and the only blemish was his previous ap-pearance here in the Sun Alliance Novices' Chase of two

Richards, though, brushes away suggestions that the horse has an aversion to the course with the swiftness and nonchalance of a smoker removing a speck of ash from his cuff. "I promise you that if I thought Cheltenham was against him 1 wouldn't take him there," he says. "I could never disappoint

One Man, of course, has a Chinese satellite was going to more than the course to beat. There is the small matter of 10 others who will be getting in his way. Most prominent of these, in the betting at least, is Impewhether his stamina is sufficient rial Call, who is notable both for his recent form and because his trainer, Fergie Sutherland, left a leg behind in Asia when he

Korean War yet continued to ride to hounds. when he repelled last year's Gold Cup winner, Master Oats. at Leopardstown last month, but the ground that day, as it always has been when Imperial Call has won, had plenty of juice in it. There are whispers too for

stepped on a landmine in the

Dublin Flyer, though not from the gelding's arch pessimist of a trainer, Tim Forster, who has spent all week wondering when

BOB's chasing career last month and the selection, third in last year's Sun Alliance Hurdle before beating a good field over two-and-half miles on good ground at Punchestown in April, will be suited by this trip. 3.30: DUBLIN FLYER, probably

the most agile jumper in training, will be hard to catch. The 10-year-old was impressive in the Mackeson here in November and a form line

land on his head. Dublin Flyer will probably be in front in the contest for longer than any other horse, hut

for him to hold the position to the end is open to question. Barton Bank can be discounted as he always meets one obstacle as if someone has been shining a torch in his eyes, while the handicappers Could-The gelding caused a shock in Be Better and Rough Quest suffer from a joint problem. Nei-

ther are good enough.

For the value-seekers the obvious choice is Young Hustler, a Festival winner who will relish the ground. But for those who have been searching for the next great horse the quest should be at an end. One Man can do it for Gordon Richards, he can do it for racing as a whole.

Racing Post Chase winner Rough Quest, Barton Bank and Young Hustler, Brilliant King George win-ner One Man has had an interrupted preparation and is unproven at this unique track, Imperial Call, Could-nt Be Better and Monsieur Le Cure need softer ground.

4.95: COOL DAWN humbled a good quality field at Kempton last time. The same rider is in the sadat Kempton last month. He will be Dermot Weld called off TREBLE Prince gives bim the beating of should take this.

TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (CLASS A) (Grade 1) £200,000 . 3m 2f 110yds 1. 376 1P4 BARRON BARR (19 (C) (D) 10 12 0 ... A P McCoy (Owned: Mrs.) Mould, Trained: D Micholson The winner of the 1994 King George V. Chaise — who would have won-the same race specializing the following year but for a last-ferce fall — has a poor record at Chellanhern and an even worse one at this time if the year. Pulled up behind One Man at Sandown in January. 10P 11F CONLINE SE BETTER 488 (C D) 9 12 0 . G Stradley
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Ran well for a long way in Imperial Dall's race at Leopardacown last through the general quickly when the classic houses harred up the power. That is their to be his fate again today, but the race could broke a useful warner to for the General National.

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Shortest-priced winner: Desert Orchid 5-2 (1989)

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2.15 DARTER (nap) 2.50 Treble Bob 3.30 Dublin Fiver

Starting-prices:

4.40 Martin's Lamp 5.15 Morceli 5.50 Romancer

4.05 Cool Dawn (nb) GOING: Good E Left-hand, galloubte course with suff fences. Uphill run-in of 240vd E Course is one mile north of town off A435. Bus link from Cheltenham station (served by Bristol, Birmingham and Loudon, Paddington) two miles away. **ADMISSION:** Club Δ50: Tattersalls 520: Foster's Enclosure 410. CAR PARK: \$5.

■ LEADING FESTIVAL TRAINERS WITH SUNNERS: II Niebolson — 8 wunters from 11 runners gives a success ratio of 15,7% and a profit to a 51 level stake of \$2,08; N Headerson — 5 winners, 41 runners, 12,2%, ~25,32; M Pipe — 5 winners, 124 runners, 42,2%, dersoo — 5 wanters, 41 runners, 1222%, -25.32; M Pipe — 5 wanters, 1247 -581.25; N Twiston-Davies — 4 wanters, 39 runners, 10.3%, +253.45. ■ LEADING FESTIVAL JOCKEYS WITH RIDES: C Swan —8 winners, 47 rides, 17. +5/10/10. J Oaborne — 8 winners, 15 rides, 14.5%, +50.75.

GOLD CUP - 10-YEAR-TALE

Profit or loss to £1 stake: Favourites +£0.70. Second Favourites +£2.00

Percentage of winners placed 2st, 2nd or 3rd in last race: 90%

op trainer. No trainer has won this race more than once in past 10 years

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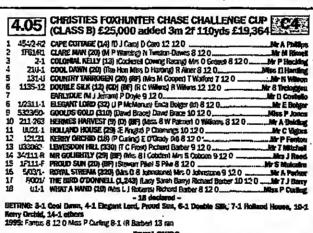
FORM GUIDE

PADDY'S RETURN, by the 1988 Derby winner, Kanyasi, is also a half-brother to live winners, including Ferdy Murphy's vanning hurdler/chaser Insh Stamp. Little wonder, then, that Murphy was keen to acquire Paddy's Return from his former trainer Revin Pendergast, for whom he ran once at two years in leatand. Paddy's Return was a market springer on his debut for Murphy in a 17-hunner Bath maiden (100 Jast May and beat all bar the Roger Charlton-trained Easy Ustening (unraced since) who lowered the course record. After a 12-furing Kerngton maden third to Anla in June, Paddy's Return was put by for jumping and scoored to an easy win on his debut at lowly Sedgefred in November. He defiled a penalty in an As-cot race featuring Danjling (second) and Zabadii (10th) and their had bad luck in running cot race featuring Danjing Isecondi and Zabadi (10th) and their had bad took in narring when second to Auther-bound Sovereigns Parade. The received 12th, at Haydock, Paddy's Return has since gone under to Debutante Elays Ivanner since) at Sandown, but he is 12th better in with that fifty. His sole Irish run suggests he can code with any ground and he is 3 mornising horse considering his light career to date. So, with the bithless to sharpen him up for this severe test and with Richard Durwoody booked, he looks a decent bet. Oliver Sherfor this severe test and with record Dunwoody booked, he looks a recent bet. Oliver Ster-wood has played a shrewd card in putting the binhers back on Danjing, who ran well in their on the Flat in the autumn, while Debutante Days could be best of the filles even though Nigel Twiston-Dayds is sweet on Mistinguett, and Magical Lady carries high confidence. Darbor has looked good in the mud, as has the ex-french Escarteritigue, while Neby herd-derson believes Our Kris Ivisor first time) will run a big race in the traditions of Flast Bout and Magical Comment. and Alone Success, provided the ground is not too deep. Selection: PADDY'S RETURN

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SEEKIN CASH gailoped clear of Peliked at Huntmadon two seasons also and his only defeat cash should be better equipped for the test now hell more mature but he must put behind him a disappointing run at Kempton when, to be lain, he reportedly suffered an overreport. His previous effort, when destroying a field of good handcoppers at Ascot, was pure class and 12-length the numer-up, Calter Cove, taked by only a neck to win the 3m 2f handcop here on Tuesday, Perhythogie has won twice over three these, indicating in a Grade Two contest (heavy) at Nazan last month. If Mark Dwyer can conserve his maturit's speed life is effective at two miles, tool he will be a tig danger. Cytongia developed into a smart stayer last season, pilleg four handcope hardons a fixer-invite seprend as husten Dwise in the 14m. lective at two miles, tool he will be a tig danger. Cytorige developed into a smart stayer last season, taking four handicaps before a five-length second to Dotatis Pride in this. Martin Pipe must think the horse is beck on song and Cytorige will stretch these if he is. Silver Wedge dispeted doubts about his worth over three miles when he mastered Pluty Road in the Long Walk Hunde in Docember and he is before then he showed at kempton last time when behind Mole Board in See Enough's race. On the other hand, sait or stickly ground would seem far from read at the titt. Trebit Bob is something of an unknown quantity of three miles but he will probably appreciate it and the feet that he has no over fences so far this season is offset by last seasons useful hundles form. Mystiv is more than longly enough to take another run after contesting the Champion Hunde, but she was fading when failing two out in the Anthree Hundle (2m4) last song. Better Thane Ahead, so gene, has come back better than ever after a year off, but Simpson would need very tring ground to get into the argument, Pernads Tiansamen Square is best at, 2m4. Selections SEEMIN CASH



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COOL DAWN will but to win this the hard way, by being in or near the lead throughout. At least this style of rooning means, Cool Dawn may mass trouble and there are fish who doubt his stamma. He is by his stablemote Horwell Lad's sire, Over the River, and Robert Ainer said after Cool Dawn's Kimipron win last morth: "I said this was a good horse and it is not often would say that." Dod Harding has struck up a fine permetrapp with this progressive eight-year-old and although Pround Stini, winer of last season's John Cothet Cup at Strationd, is a likely big danger. he had jumped rother sloopily prior to falling at the 12th in Cool Dawn's Kempton roce. Elegant Lord has been touted by his owner and through Elegant Lord was beaton 30 lengths by Fantus in the last year, he is expected to better that. What A Hand was indown with extreme patience at Windoor the days ago, beating Brown Lad comfortably, and this sound jumper, on the upgrade, will bounce back from that race in good heart. Double Sillic won this race in both 1923 and 1994. He is game and genume but perhaps not quite the force of old.

Selection: COOL DAWN FORM GUIDE

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FORM QUIDE JIBBER THE NBBER will find the trip and going perfect. His recent Lacester win has been boosted by Knockwern. Oatlis Regrets took well to chasing last form and needed the run, racing too learnly, at Kempton first time out, being eased and pulled up after fading. He will be very fresh here and should find the trip ideal. He really impressed when benting Master Bootom and Denver Bay at Sandown a year ego. Morreed has a good chance, but perhaps his jumping is too told for comfort.

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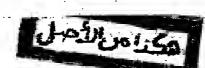
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Forgotten horse jogs the memory

GREG WOOD

reports from Cheltenham

It finished as it had started, with three in the air together over the last, but this time the burst of speed and courage which car-ried Viking Flagship to victory in his first Champion Chase two years ago came up short. In 1994, he had edged out Travado and Deep Sensation in one of the finest finishes ever seen at Cheltenham, but now the baton has passed to the emerging generation of chasers from Ire-

That a third success in this race might take him 12 months too far was never in doubt, not least among the thousands of visiting punters who backed Sound Man down to favourite. They bad the right idea, but the

wrong borse.

After a thrilling contest be-tween Viking Flagship and Sound Man over the last three fences, it was Klairon Davis, a 9-1 chance trained by Arthur Moore, who had the most left to give on the desperate climb to the line.

With the crystal clarity of hindsight, 9-1 was a remarkably in 70 minutes, though, much of generous price about a horse who had won the Arkie Trophy last year, beating Sound Man in the process. Their paths had diverged since the 1995 Festival, the Coral Cup.

CHELTENHAM

2.15: (2m 5f Sun Aliance Novice Hurdle)
1. URUBANDE chestnut gelding Phordana
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Also: 11-2 tay let Rules, 9-1 lack Tarme (4th), 10-1 Madison County, 12-1 Monoasman tun out), 16-1 Buckhouse Boy (5th), 16-1 Ridavan, 16-1 Sparking Yasmin, 20-1 Budkhouse (6th), 20-1 Budkhouse (6th), 20-1 The Subbis, 25-1 Whattabob, 40-1 Mylavountermetten, 66-1 Magisted (outled up), 66-1 Storm North, 66-1 The Reverend Bert, 66-1 Tuscarry Highway (pushed Lip), 100-1 Can Can Charles, 100-1 Little Gunner (milled up), 100-1 Lottery Ticket, 100-1 Macnamarasband.

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Pandy. 7 mm. 5, 114, 5, 345, 144, (ALT Moore, Neiss, Co Kidane, for C Jones). Tolar: £8, 70; £2, 70, £1,60. OF: £10,50. GSP: £27,94.

3.30: (2m 5i Córal Cup Hendicap Hurdie)

1. TRAINGLOT cheatrut gelding Dominion—
Liary Green M Dinyar 11-2

2. Treesure Again D Byrne 9-1

Ams Sog 8. 20 ran, hd, 1 V., 2, 1, 14. (J Pta/Gersid, Mel-lon, for Marquess de Moratafa). Tote £5. TO: £2.10. £1.90, £2.00, £5. TO. DF: £15.50, CSP: £52.35. Tncasa: £419.15. Tro:

£55.20. Non Runners: Hotel Minella, Melnik

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putting together an impressive sequence of victories while Klairon Davis had managed only one victory - and two completions - in four outings this year. When the evenings start to lengthen, though, Klairon Davis starts to run for his life.

Klairon Davis is a spring borse and the forgotten horse," Francis Woods, his jockey, said. "He missed the ditch out and I gave him time after that. He is as tough as anything and it was pure class up the hill." Those behind too could only

dmire the winner. When be landed in the ditch I thought it was the end of him," Charlie Swan, Viking Flagship's rider, said. "I had no answer when be came late." The defeat of Sound Man,

who made too many mistakes to summon up a serious challenge after the last, was just the latest misery for punters who had yet to see a favourite in the winner's enclosure.

The Irish, though, did at least enjoy Urubande's success - the first in Britain for his trainer Aidan O'Brien - in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle. Withthe money bad been handed back, when a gamble on Time For A Run, owned by JP Mc-Manus, came badly unstuck in

66-1 Tothewoods (6th).
12 ran, 8, 28, 16, 27, -b., (Mrs. J Purmen, Upper Lambourn, for J Shawl: Totat: £8.60; £1.90, £1.70, £7.90, DP: £8.20, CSF; £16.21, Tno; £103.80. Non Runner; Hill of

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3. Classofffinitythen... Mr J Collody 3-1 fav Alacc 5-1 Uto Vai, 6-1 Shanagary (fell), 10-1 Kolono (pulsed up), 14-1 Samee, 16-1 Sh-verfort Lod, 20-1 General Crack (fell), 25-1 Ay Daley (400), 25-1 Brambiehi Buck, 25-1 Vulpan for Lungere (1901), 33-1 Artrak (fell), 33-1 Rusimt, 40-1 Stormbil Pligtim (pulsed up), 50-1 San Gongio (unseased riden, 66-1 Now We Know (5th), 66-1 Optimo trefused), 66-1 Seelang Gold (pulsed up), 100-1 For-grove (unseated inden), 100-1 Russian Bart (pulsed up), 100-1 Tentrader (unseated inden).

en. 22.cm, 13, 6, det. 36, ½, (E O'Grady, Ire-lent, for Lord Tawstock). Tota: £23,10; 14.50, £2.90, £2.00, DF: £99.10, CSP: £99.69, Tino: £104.90.

5.15: Com 4t Mildmey of Piete Handicau Chase)

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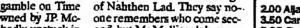
2m 1f Chettenham, 2.15pm, Live on CH4.

The winner was Trainglot, who survived a stewards' enquiry after a pitched battle up the run-in with Treasure Again and New Co, but the officials took a firmer view about O'Brien's declaration of Hotel Minella, a Champion Hurdle also-ran, for this event. As expected, Hotel Minella

was declared a non-runner yesterday morning, leaving the handicap squashed almost fist. After interviewing O'Brien, the stewards referred the matter to the Jockey Club, under rules which include such forceful phrases as "wilful disregard of the interest of racegoers" and reprehensible motive".

O'Brien was just one of three Irish trainers in the top enclosure yesterday, with Eddie O'Grady's Loving Around tak-ing the National Hunt Chase. Perbaps the finest performance of the day, though, was offered in defeat. Mr Mulligan, the front-running favourite for the Sun Alliance Novices' Chase, crasbed through the first and lost at least a dozen lengths.

Somehow, he hauled himself back into contention, hitting the front once again seven from bome, but too exhausted after the last to resist the challenge and, but Mr Mulligan's bravery will not be soon forgotten.



Alacc 9-4 fav Andervio (4th), 11-2 Graduatad, 9-1 Rwerdale Boy (pulled up), 12-1 Charle Foatra (5th), 12-1 Charter, 16-1 Agistment
(5th), 20-1 Burn Out, 20-1 Colonel Blazer,
20-1 Daratshan, 25-1 Three Farthings, 231 Bungrove Man, 33-1 Eagles Rest, 23-1 Forest Nory, 23-1 Jay Man, 33-1 John Drumm,
23-1 Nasone, 23-1 Saxon Duke, 33-1
Whose Yer Wan, 50-1 Gods Squad, 50-1 St
Mellon Drave, 50-1 Sutherland Moss.

24 ran, 2, 3, 1¼, ½, 3½, (W Muffirs, Co-sutton, Co Coriou, Robert Sindar), Tota: £3.30; £1.90, £12.70, £9.90, DF: £165.00 CSF: £81.51,Tino; £1,648.70, Non Runner

lackpot not won tood of £101,481,16 car-ried forward to Chehanham todays. Piscopot: £141,70, Quadpot: £13,50. Pisco 8: £265,41, Pisco 5: £68,62.

2.85; 1, 8, BAMERNO (Mr A Write) 8-1; 2. Rs Grand 5-1; 3. Enumber 4-1 fav. 16 ras. 3, 2, (H Manners). Take £12.60; £3.00, £1.30, £1.30, £6.00, DF; £39.60, CSF; £52.60. Traces: £181.66, Tric; £14.20. Non Runner: Straith Hitter.

Strain force.

2.40:1. BASFORD STAFFEDEN (P Hote) 13-8 tor. 2. Dominos Ming 11-4; 3. Baseroni Brown 5-1. 14 rat. Shirth, 20, (F Farstwee). Total 150; 5120, £180, £200. DF: 53.00. CSP: £7.95. Thos: £5.50. NR: Ocep Fair.

9-4 It for Royer Leven (80%). 12, 3, (M Berracough). Twin: (8, 60; £1,10; £5,70; £1,90; DF; £30,10; CSF; £111,64, Tacast: £383.05. Tho: £89.TO. 1. GLD BREDGE chestrut gelding Crosh Course
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Tric: £89.TO.
4.25:1. Billion (D Geologice) 4-1 fav; 2.
Bee Doe Boy 25-1: 3. Yellow Suring 20-1: 11
ram, 3, 12. (C Nest), Telte: £3.20; £2.00, £3.60, £4.50, DF: £19.20. CSF: £81.61. Tecase £1,630.4T. NF: Five Plags. Trac: Not won.
5.60:1. SPENCE WEUTERLI. (A) Berman)
4-1; 2. Viscos 6-4 fav; 3. Neithogiby 9-2.4 ram, 12, 11. (O Berman). Tobe: £3.70. DF: £2.30. CSF: £6.98. NF: Fools Errand.

5.36:1. SALMON SMELE (M Land 10-3; 2. La Barea 12-1; 3. Greenor Duniel 3-1. 20 ras. 6-4 for Swyndod King. 1, 1/4. (N Hen-derson). Tota: £5.30; £2.00, £3.10, £3.40. DF: £33.00. CSF; £48.56. NRs: Ballyquin-tet, Captain Navar. Inc; £64.40. Place 6: £116.65. Place 5: £45.57.

NEWTON ABBOT

2.00: 1. SELIS LIFE (G McCourt) 1-2 ter: 2. Inflimenter 13-2; 3. Biograf Busch 11-1, 8 ram, dst. 4. (P Hobbs). Tribe £1.40; £1.10, £1.30, £1.40, DF: £2.90, CSF: £4.82, Tri-cest: £15.53. 2.30: 1. NOLDERCLASE (J Frost) 5-1; 2. Ses-

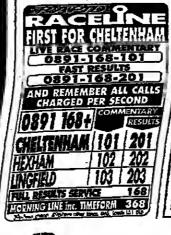
eral Frags 20-1; 3. Startall Spirit T-2, 16 res. 11-4 fav Pressant Suprise. 4, 20. (R Frast). Tete: E8.60; £1.10, £18.90, £1.90. DF: £176.10. CSF: £103.40. Tran: £109.40. 3.85:1. BAMAS (Liber) 13-8 for; 2. Mp-Mackhers 9-2: 3. Lard Mirogen 12-1. 8 rm. 12. dist. (M Pipel, Tobe £2.10: £1.40, £1.50, £2.60. Dir. £6.10. CSF: £9.44.

1.49: 1. ROUSING PRIDE (T Descombe) 9-2; 2. Steel Gen 15-2; 1. Out Building T-4 fav. 11 ma. 5; %: (C Poprism), Teller £8.00; £1.50, £8.60, £1.50, OF: £21.40, O. CST: £44.58. Troast: £81.75. Tro: £73.30, NRC Geelgoir. 10355 181.75. This E73,30. Mic George.
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Medium-size Monty in good shape

ANDY FARRELL reports from Dubai

Colin Montgomerie, the threetimes winner of the Order of Merit, has a car for each year he has been European No 1 and a triple-sized garage to match. But the Audi A8 and the Mercedes estate have been left out in the cold. Only the Porsche has escaped the sleet and snow. The rest of the garage is taken up with an exercise bike, running machine, rowing machine and

"I've lost over two stones," said the not so Big Monty as he prepared for his first tournament of the year, the Duhai Desert Classic, here, He has worked out daily since early January and is "cating sensibly". In the official Tour guide, he is listed as weighing 15st. "I don't know where they got that from. It's not correct," he said.

"I still want to lose another half-stone. I didn't do it to aid my golf, I've done it for my own well-being and satisfaction. It's nice when people come up to you and say you look fitter. I feel fitter and stronger."
The Montgomerie waist size

has gone down from 40 to 36. David Leadbetter, Nick Faldo's coach, has been among those to suggest that Montgomerie could earn even more pounds in his wallet (he won a record £835,051 in Europe last year) if he took a few off his ample frame. Monty did not agree then, and he does not agree now. "I've sweated my way through US Opens and US PGAs, but I proved at Riviera last year that I could play golf while being overweight, he

Montgomerie tied for the US PGA Championship last year before losing a suddendeath play-off to Steve Elking-ton. In '94 he lost in an 18-holo play-off, eventually won by Emic Els, at the US Open. A major championship is top of his wish list. "To reach fourth in the world without winning a majo proves I'm consistent on my nome tour, but I'm looking to win a major. I'm positive that I One shot is all that it is."

A wrist injury that flared up at the end of last season has heen cured with rest, and along with his greater flexibility, has helped him complete the back swing. That has always been my fault. Now I get my hands high er and I'm hitting my irons better," Montgomerie said.

During a near three-month hreak, his second daughter. Venetia, was horn and Montgomerie had a glimpse of life at nome. "I saw my brother work ing hard, and my father working hard and experienced the traffic driving my elder daughter to kindergarten. We are fortunate to be in a profession to afford to take three months off at the age of 32.

The Scot faces 10 other Ryder Cup players here, nine from Europe plus the American Fred Couples, the defending champion. However, one of the Ryder men, the accidentprone Sam Torrance, is struggling with a tendon injury caused when his ankle twisted while manoeuvring an airport trolley up a kerb. Montgomerie's first task is to

catch up the £211,005 already won by Ian Woosnam. The Welshman is in confident mood after two wins, and a fifth place in Morocco last week.

Wigan's chairman determined to stay

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan's beleaguered chairman, cies" and that he had been Jack Rodinson, is insisting that be will not resign over allegations of an attempt to defraud a local newspaper.

Robinson is under investigation by the police over accusations of an attempt to gain damages from the weekly Wigan Observer by concocting a story that a transfer deal taking Neil Cowie to Leeds had broken down because of an article in the

Wigan are suing the paper over a story which wrongly identified Cowie as one of the players involved in alleged drunken antics in Tenerife before the side's Challenge Cup defeat hy Salford.

Leeds, furious at being implicated in a possible fraud, were eager to distance themselves from Wigan yesterday. "I want to make it clear that we never made a bid for Neil Cowie and never expressed any interest in signing him," Alf Davies, the club's chief executive, said.

Although he is saving no more at present, Davies has declared himself willing to assist in enquiries into a matter that has serious implications for the game in Britain and its leading

Wigan, under Rohinson's chairmanship, have dominated all domestic trophies, but have run into well-publicised financial problems over the last six to appeal against the main or-months. der and still hopes that a quick "If I did quit it would leave

the door open for a takeover and probably the end of Wigan

An application for a stay of orders halting Super League was rejected by a bench of three judges in Sydney, but their decision that the players are not yet legally obliged to return is a se-

rugby league club as we know it." he said. Robinson added

that the allegations against him

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has failed to win a reprieve from

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peotion will not have to rejoin the

rival Australian Rugby League.

Super League in Australia

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rious blow to the ARL The Australian game's victorious governing body is to kick off its delayed competition - to be known as the Optus Cup - on 22 March, but it now looks certain to be without players of the stature of Bradley Clyde, Laurie

Daley and Allan Langer. They have all vowed not to return to the ARL and several bave discussed the possibility of playing rugby union or Australian rules. Playing in Britain could be an option for some, including Clyde, who is being actively pursued by Warrington.

News Limited, which is backing Super League in hoth Australia and Europe, has claimed its limited success in court yesterday as "a major boost". It bas also been given leave

and successful outcome could allow Super League to start up

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

years ago, the Gold Cup favounte might well have had Ron Barry on board for today's big race. It was as first jockey to One Man's Cum-brian trainer, Gordon Richards. that Barry made his name, as champion jockey in 1973, with a record 125 winners, and in 1974. The Gold Cup provided Barry with

his finest moment, although not on a Richards horse but The Dikler, on whom he beat Pendil by a short- don't have the time and riding is head in 1973, for Fulke Walwyn, something you need to do every Champion Hurdle as well."

"It was a great Cheltenham for me," day, rather than once in a while. I Barry said. "I was second in the hunt with the Ullswater - but with the foot pack." Born in Limenck, Barry rode 823 Lake views provide the backdrop winners under Rules, retiring in to Barry's home - only 10 minutes 1983 to develop his stabling and from the Richards yard at Greystoke kennels business, which still thrives. - where he lives with his wife, Liz. Now 53, he doubles as the Jock- and their two sons, Stuart, 17, and

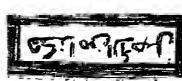
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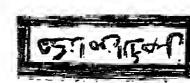


ey Club's inspector of courses for 19-year-old Michael. "They are both the North of England, driving up to keen rugby players with no inter-50,000 miles a year, as he used est in racing," he said. "But that suits me because watching rugby

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Tyson determined but no longer assured

Ken Jones reports from Las Vegas with a revealing insight into the state of mind and body of a title challenger

hen Mike Tyson was first shown a video of the contest that saw Frank Bruno outpoint Oliver McCall in London last September to become the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, he questioned immediately the notion that the British hero might be too dangerous a proposition. "You can't be serious," Tyson said scathingly to his co-managers, John Horne and Rory Holliway.

Since the titles held out by the major boxing organisations were in Don King's pocket, the grand plan of unification could have taken a different, less hazardous direction. Tyson says now that he did not opt for Bruno, merely went along with what King, Horne and Holloway decided, but in view of the independence he established upon being released from prison and fixed up

'It's all more of a burden now, more responsibilities. I'm just not a happy type of guy'

with a six-fight deal so far worth around \$60m (£40m), this takes

some believing.
It is more likely that when Tyson looked again at the fighter who became one of his many battered victims seven years ago, surviving only until the tifth round, he did not see much in the way of improvement,

certainly not enough to worry him. Personally, there have been plenty of occasions in this town when it seemed advisable to proceed with caution, and I do not mean when engaging in games of chance or on visits to the vast betting emporiums. In attempting to predict the out-

come of prize-fights you run the risk of being made to look foolish. Quite remarkable upsets have put a strain on the process of logic and given credibility to naïve thinkers. Going back more years than I find



Mike Tyson, in training for Saturday's world heavyweight trite right against Frank Bruno, is worried about missing 'with too many punches'

comfortable to remember, it was impossible to imagine that Leon Spinks, a 15-1 outsider, had the beating of Muhammad Ali but he capitalised sensationally on the great man's slovenly preparation. You can throw in George Foreman's defeat of Michael Moorer too. Few gave Foreman much of a chance against the World Boxing Organisation's title holder, but when a distance adrift on the official scorecards he knocked out Moorer to become, at 46, the oldest heavyweight champion in history.

This week, Brunn is at 10-1 to de-

feat Tyson inside the distance, surely his only means of victory, so what is it that casts doubts on the outcome of Saturday's proceedings at the MGM Grand entertainment complex in Las Vegas? Is it Bruno's relaxed air, his confident utterances. or a suspicion that Tyson may be only a shell of the fighter who brought a reign of terror to the heavyweight division?

Some of Tyson's statements sugest the affliction of uncertainty, as though he can no longer find the fearsome purpose that charac-

"Really, I don't know," he said recently. "I look at boxing differentnow than I did back then. Back then, I looked at it like it was fun. It came so easy. Everything is more of a burden now, more responsihilities. I don't know if I should use the word hurden. But I'm just not a happy type of guy. As a Muslim my main objective as far as beliefs go is to have the most respect for humanity in general. My religion gives me a broader perspective. It enables me to be at peace with myself and lets me know that life is not

necessarily about being successful

and making a great deal of money, but conducting yourself in a way

God will appreciate." When people bear Tyson say those things they wonder about him. What goes on in his mind, what sort of future does he imagine for himself? The meanderings have a cosmic quality, but not so that they are easily dismissed as mere flights of fancy. "There's always pressure," he added, "and it increases with maturity. Hopefully, and praise be to God. I'll be able to deal with it." Inevitably, Tyson's worst memo-ries concern the loss of his freedom,

the three years he spent banged up in the Indiana Youth Centre after being found guilty of raping a beanty queen contestant. "It was a bad experience," he said, "took away my dignity. But prison gave me time to reflect on what bappened to me. You sit down and try to read and it just all flares up again. In time you imderstand the angles that were placed in your life and how the puzzles were put together to place your in that position. And you say, Wow, how could that have happened?" Then you leave your cell and you are surrounded by other problems

about?" One of the things that can be sensed in Tyson is frustration, brought about probably by difficulties of timing that were clearly evident in the two contests he had undertaken since returning to the ring. "Sometimes it feels as though I'm getting there, then I'm all over the place again," be confided this week. "I've got back my power and speed but I still miss with too many punches.

A safe conclusion is that reports of mayhem in the gymnasium are more than slightly exaggerated as they have been throughout boxing history. However it is unquestionably a truth that one of Tyson's sparring partners was utterly sickened by a hook that arrived with alarming suddenness. "In that moment Mike looked his old self," a reliable witness said. The impact was frightening and if Bruno feels just one of those shots Mills [the refer-ce Mills Lane] won't have to do any

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In his young prime, when a bleak glance was enough to make oppo-neuts tremble, as even the old war-

'It was a bad experience, took away my dignity, but prison gave me time to reflect'

nor Larry Holmes did one might in Attantic City, nothing appeared to intrude upon the grim purpose im-planted by Tyson's mentor, the late Ous D'Amato. He was, as Lennox Photograph: Sean Dempsey/PA: Lewis is fond of saying about him-self, entirely focused. There was a terrible certainty about his victories. Nobody at the time, not even the big heavyweights he sometimes found troublesome, were given a chance of

interrupting his raging progress.

Then the effects of a flawed nature: A dissipation of his powers. By the time I fought Bruno I was. almost out of control, Tyson ad-mitted. Confused, he was no longer the fighter D'Amato fashioned.

Now, Tyson looks determined but sometimes conveys an impression of uncertainty. Maybe he is trying to remember all the things D'Am-

Boardman slips off the pace

Cycling

ahen extended his lead in the Paris-Nice race with a repeat victory over his chief rival. Lance Armstrong, on the fourth stage from Maurs-la-Jolie to

The Frenchman, the world No 1, finished 15 seconds clear on the 167-kilometre fourth stage, with Armstrong, of the United States, again second after another climbing contest all the way to the line, Laurent had warned: "Jalabert needs

Brochard, of France, was third. a further seven seconds adrift. Jalabert, who won this eight-Britain's Chris Boardman day race last year, is 35 seconds

overall positions after breaking clear in the final kilometre of the winding 7.6-km ascent of the wooded slopes of Causse Noir.

Boardman, who had been third overnight, lost 49 seconds on Jalabert on that climh. finishing ninth in a strung-out field. Overall he is Imin and 9sec down on the leader, Jalabert, who said: "The race is not over yet and I fear everyone.

Before the start Boardman

only another 10 seconds gain on me and he will be unassailable." The Briton had hoped to limit the damage on the climbs so slipped one place to fourth ahead of Armstrong in the that he could challenge for a 19.9km time trial along the

> Sunday. Boardman said: "I was not go-ing as fast as I did on Tuesday. There is still a chance to be in the top three overall but it is going to be incredibly difficult." Today's stage is a 159km circuit, starting and finishing in Millau.

Mediterranean coast to Nice on

Results. Sporting Digest, page 25

Popplewell left none the wiser

Unpredictable and underdogs, Ireland Unpredictable and come to Twickenham this Saturday the same as they ever do. If it is discomforting for the opposition never knowing quite what to expect from the boys in green, it's no ess disquieting for the Irish that

they never know either. The postscript to the 1996 campaign is liable to read plus ça change. A state of high optimism before the first game, quickly giving way to suicidal pessimism, highlighted by some sort of new record in defeat (usually at Parc des Princes) and rescued by an improvement in the second half of the season.

Whereas others, most notably England, rumble along in a straight line, Ireland lurch and bump along a roller-coaster. Many fall off along the way, and only four players have survived from the Twickenham victory of two seasons ago.

No one has suffered more bumps and hruises, more shocks to his equilibrium, along the way than Nick Popplewell, the 31year-old, carevorn 38-cap veteran who made his debut in 1989. Which is why he believes the pattern can be repeated this Satur-day with an Irish win. "Oh of course, yeah, definitely." he says.

"Because I think we can beat anyone on occasions. I've never gone into a match thinking we're not going to win it, al-though it seems most of the time that's the way it happens. I think England are in the same position as they were two years ago. They'd won matches and were

under pressure to score tries." "We blocked them out for the first 20 minutes, then we blocked them out for the first 40 minutes. they started trying to create things out of nothing and it didn't really work. The back row had a superh game and all of a sudden, out of nothing, it became a doctient in the last 10 minutes and we came out with a win."

tory, even if you now have the Kick out rules that entraordinary situation that the discourage running team at the bottom of the

When beating England in

From Mr A Richards Sir. As an Australian who was born in Wales I have little truck with England winning at any sport but I do think that your . rules should be changed to enleader was a little unfair to the courage a running game. The England rugby union team. Un number of "offences" from 'no sense to me. der the rules, England are quite which a penalty kick at goal can Most offence entaled to kick themselves to vic- be taken is absurd. The game breated as free kicks and the of-

David Hughes on the one constant in the Irish team's roller-coaster ride

93 and 94, Ireland won only one other championship match, against Wales naturally. Ireland being happiest when underdoes has become a cliche, and one Popplewell struggles to reject.
"I think that's too much of a

generality. It does work out that way but England beat us last year we were underdogs. I can't put a finger on it, through all the years I've been there. I wish I could." Clearly, an enduring career in an Irish shirt has made him

none the wiser. It has even reduced him to tears, most memorably in the moment of victory against Wales at Cardiff Arms Park in 1993, coming as it did after 11 successive defeats. You would cry at times. too, if you were an Irish rugby player. His bleakest moments in an Irish shirt came after this season's

opening defeat to the Scots, and here we are on the not-so-merry roller-coaster again. "I really felt this was the year we going to do something. I had a piss-poor game to be honest with you and I felt responsible for a lot of it and then for the first time in three or four years I felt that I was genuinely under pressure.

On a personal level, he is adamant that that will not happen again next season. The cause was a lack of match practice brought about by joining Newcastle this season and the resultant 120-day ban from compelitive rugby. "Unfortunately it's the reality of the new world." But the same new world has granted him a four and a half year contract and with it the promise of full-time professional rugby.

On a general level be remains at a loss to explain it all, "I don't know the reasons. Up to now I suppose you could say that we

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might have been better prepared on this or that but those excuses are now gone. "We seem to be prone to. starting the season very poorly. Crown match at Twickenham.

We tried to avoid that by playing a couple of matches before we went into the Five Nations. They went really well, and then history says the rest. We just collapsed against the Scots, got worse against the French and I suppose you could say we beat a poor Welsh side. We just seemed to be going forward most of the time, which certainly helped fatties like me."

A self-deprecating wit is a necessary huffer, especially this season. Popplewell apportions blame for the latest anticlimactic campaign squarely onthe shoulders of the senior players, "including myself".

Hence his desperate desire to play at Twickenham, despite a worrisome if slight hamstring tear but he is confident of be ing declared fit. "It's happened to me before and as people will tell you I don't ever sprint on it anyhow. I don't need it as much as someone like Geoghegan."

Mention of Geoghegan recalls his match-winning try at Twickenham two years ago. That, and Peter Clohessy's first-half tack-le on Philip de Gianville constitutes Popplewell's abiding memories of the game. "Claw's tackle on De Glanville set the trend for the whole day. Out of nowhere Claw cut De Glanville in our 22. Jaysus, splintered him altogether and as so often happens a big tackle just gets people in the right frame of mind."

It may well require some similar moment of inspiration to trigger another formbook-tearing Irish performance. And who knows if it will, least of Ireland.

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FIVE NATIONS: Underdogs are ready as Rowell again preaches an open garse Richards fit for an Irish finale

STEVE BALE

Dean Richards was perfectly happy for his twisted knee to cause him to miss last Sunday's England training session but yesterday there was no escape and - to the unbridled relief of all bar the Irish - he was passed fit for Saturday's Triple

Barely a month ago Jack Rowell, the manager, was still expecting - or at any rate hoping - that England could get by 8. Now, having personally created the conditions under style open rugby. It's a must for which Scotland's Grand Slam aspirations were ended, even at 32 Richards remains the nearest thing to indispensable.

He played a full part in yesterday's private session at the Bank of England ground, in-. cluding the scrummaging practice. The Irish are also relieved that the most-capped player in their team, the Lious prop Nick Popplewell, should have recovered sufficiently from a hamstring injury.

Whether England really do open up their rugby against Ireland will probably depend on whether Richards is personally inclined to instigate the change. That said, this is yet again Rowell's sincere intention as expressed when his team gathered in Richmond yesterday.

"Accepting it is a rebuilding year, we do not believe we've done justice at Twickenham to our talents," the manager said. We'd like to think there will be more ball moving across the face of the threequarters and that is our strategic intent.

We haven't got to imposing it at Twickenham this year and the sooner we get back to it the better. Only in the Scotland and France games did we play tactically and there's no inhibition in game plans for the backs to have the ball. Full stop."

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are euphemistic Rowellisms for the restricted rugby that gained England their Mnrrayfield victory, though Scots were less polite with their adjectives. There is currently a direct companison with the Super-12 provincial series taking place in the southern hemisphere and the restrictions, if we are to believe the manager, are about to be lifted.

"Strategic" and "tactical"

"We'd like to see the backs running more freely and with confidence. We pick an atwithout their long-serving No , tacking full-back on purpose. specifically to play Englishthe good of the game generally. When you watch the Super-12s, the pace and width of the game, we've got to get there in an English way as soon as possible.

Saturday's match will tell whether wishful Rowell's thinking is wishful, but if nothing ele-a liberated England perform mance would be a suitable way to send off Will Carling as he retires from the captaincy. Last Sunday Carling notably refrained from anything that could be construed as praise of Rowell and yesterday's managerial remarks, though entirely laudatory, seemed as much valediction as tribute.

Carling will doubtless be glad of the relative comfort of the back pages after returning to the front pages this week but the slow handclaps of his home crowd remain a disagreeable memory of the Samoan and Welsh matches. "He will want to leave Twickenham with the right relationship with everyone there and that includes the

crowd," Rowell said. "His leadership this season in a team that's rebuilding has been a big challenge, but the way he put his leadership together in the run-up and the game in Scotland. .. I've never seen anything better than that in my rugby life."

as opposed to "football" -even England. Yours sincerely. ANDREW RICHARD Wimbledon SW19 5DG. Letters should be marked For publication" and should con-

Finally, why do we put up with conversion kicks? This also slows the game down, Everyone knows that some of the best tries are somed in the corner yer this decreases the chance for the atpublication" and should con-tain daytime and evening phone numbers. They should be sent to Sports Editor. The In-dependent, I Canada Square. London E14 5D1. They may be shortened as tacking said to take seven points. The should be awarded the hist-seven Dinis.



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FA investigates Wolves signings

Football ALAN NIXON

Wolverhampton Wanderers are to be questioned by the Foothall Association about the £1.5m double signing of Frank Corica and Zeljko Kalac from

Leicester City.
If they are found guilty of using an unlicensed agent, the Molineux club and two Australians themselves could face hefty fines and suspension.

The deal is now being investigated to find out the possible involvement of a leading Ger-man agent in the move. The FA confirmed last night that they are probing the transfer under instructions from Fifa, who de-mand that all agents lodge a £100,000 bond with them before doing deals.

The FA spokeswoman, Claire Time rAspokeswoman, Clare-Tomlinson, said: "We are writ-ing to the cluh and asking them which agent, if any, was involved in the deal. We have had reports

Support wanted for Scottish youngsters

Tommy Craig, the Scotland Under-21 coach, has called on the Tartan Army to back his raw recruits for their European hampionship quarter-final second leg against Hungary in

Craig is looking for a sell-out, 16,000 crowd for the match at Easter Road after a creditable 2-1 defeat in Budapest on Tuesday, which puts them in with an excellent chance of reaching the last four. He feels that prize can be achieved if the famous Scottish support rallies behind his team on 26 March the way they have done for the full international side over the

"We saw in Budapest, where there 15,000 hostile fans, how important the public are," he said. "The response of their crowd was remarkable and it lifted the Hungarian boys.

The Scottish public have shown in the past that when they get the opportunity, they are vir-tually unrivalled. These kids will appreciate the kind of support the Scottish fans can give - and they deserve it for what they have done for their country."

The young Scots have strug-gled to attract more than 5,000 spectators to their recent under-21 games but the last hig crowd to come out at this level, a sellout 24,000 four years ago in Aberdeen for the quarter-final Tainst Germany, was rewarded with a thrilling 4-3 win and a place in the semi-final and Craig is hoping history repeats

managed to come from behind twice against Russia in the qualifying group but at Easter Road we will have 90 minutes to get

the goal we require."

Craig feels that his side benefited in Budapest from the presence of Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, who was monitoring the progress of play-ers such as the Celtic pair Simon Donnelly and Jackie McNa-mara and Aberdeen's Stephen Glass, scorer of the vital away goal, with a view to promoting them to the full international squad for Euro 96. The Portuguese goalkeeper

Vitor Baia has been suspended pending a disciplinary hearing on Friday after he was sent off for fighting in a club match last week. Baia, who had never pre-viously received a red card, was sent off for the league leaders Porto after clashing with a senior official of the Sporting Club de Campo Maior during his club's controversial 1-0 away win last Friday. Under league rules he could be suspended for between three and 12 months.

An Italian politician called yesterday for fans to protest against a players' strike called for this weekend, by boycotting matches the following Sunday. Giorgio Bornacin, the regiona) co-ordinator for the far-right National Alliance party in the Riviera region of Liguria, said: "Let's leave the stadiums empty on Sunday, 24 March for 22 little men to amuse themselves on their own."

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that an unlicensed agent was involved and it is our procedure to follow that up."

A complaint has been lodged by a rival, licensed agent in Eng-land and Wolves will now have to answer to the FA. Fifa are keen to crack down on rogue transfers and Wolves could be punished severely if they are found to have broken the rules.

The winger Corica and goal-keeper Kalac can be fined up to £30,000 each and suspended for a maximum of a year. Wolves and their manager, Mark McGhee, would be hit even harder. The club can technically be suspended for a year and officials fined up to £60,000.

Jon Newsome could return to Sheffield Wednesday as captain for Saturday's important Premiership meeting with Aston Villa. The Hillsborough club have agreed a fee of around £1.5m for the 25-year-old Norwich captain, who began his career with Wednesday, and he will complete the move if he can resolve contractual complications with the Canaries.

Sheffield United are set to spend £750,000 on Dynamo Minsk's Belarus international striker, Petr Kachuro. He has been training at Bramall Lane and played one reserve match.

Mick McCarthy yesterday resisted the temptation to make sweeping changes when he named his first squad as Republic of Ireland manager, for the friendly against Russia in Dublin on 27 March.

"It would be nice to start my new career with a win, but the most important thing is seeing players can carry out my ideas on the field of play," Mc-Carthy said.

He also revealed be was still pursuing the Tottenham striker Chris Armstrong and Sean Dundee, who plays his football in the Bundesliga with Karlsrube. "We still have to sort out the question of whether they are eligible under Fifa rules. Chris Armstrong has an open mind on

The Football Association of Ireland are expecting a full house of 44,000 for the game at

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Spanish success: Carlos Costa heads for victory against Boris Becker yesterday

Becker brought down by Costa

Carlos Costa blew Boris Becker out of the Newsweek Champions Cup in the first round at Indian Wells, California yesterday. The world No 38 won 6-3, 7-5 in his first meeting with fourth-seeded Becker, taking the final five games of the second set to wrap up a surprise

Becker refused to use the quarter-final of the day. windy conditions as an excuse for

didn't play as good as Costa to-day." he said. "When I was serving for the second set, I made two very easy volley mistakes, especially one backhand volley. You can't afford making those mistakes if you want to win."

Becker's compatriot. Steffi Graf, had no such problems in Evert Cup, beating South Africa's Amanda Coetzer 6-4. 1 in 66 minutes in the only "I just let it run away from

know if it was just the wind out there, but I definitely felt that she didn't go for as many shots."

Jennifer Capriati was climinated in the third round when the fifth seed, Chanda Rubin, beat her 6-3, 6-3. Ruhin, a semifinalist at the Australian Open

in January, stopped a run in carning a semi-final place in the which Capriati dropped only five games in two matches in her second tournament back in the

strokes, but two double-foults in the eighth game allowed Ruhin to break to take the set 6-3. Capriati fell behind 4-0 in the second set but Rubin dropped serve twice on errors. After that, Rubin played steadily, broke Capriau for 5-3, and won on her fourth match point.

Brenda Schultz-McCarthy. the 10th seed from the Netherlands, succumbed to the chal-Capriati recovered from 5-1 American Lindsay Lee, who down in the first set after find- won their third-round match losing to the Spaniard. "I just me." Coetzer said. "I don't ing the power on her ground- 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

Waugh hopes to face W Indies

Cricket

Sieve Waugh is expected to have recovered from an ankle injury in time for Australia's World Cup semi-final against the West Indies today.

Waugh sustained the injury during the quarter-final win over New Zealand in Madras on Monday, and it was heavily strapped during yesterday's

Although they were in the nets side by side, Australia and West Indies were giving little away. Both captains, Mark Tay-lor and Richie Richardson, said they would not be announcing their teams until shortly before the start of the game at the SAS

Nagar stadium in Chandigarh. With hoth squads flying into the Punjab capital earlier in the day, they wanted to practice at the same time in the afternoon. Fortunately the spacious stadium has ample nets and the teams shared them.

No major changes are expected in either side, although Australia must be concerned at the ease with which the New Zealand batsmen scored against all their bowlers when making 286 for 9 in the quarter-final.

Paul Reiffel was hit out of the attack in that match after conceding 38 runs in four overs and Australia may be tempted to give his place to Jason Gillespie. the young pace howler flown in as a replacement for the injured Craig McDermott. Gillespie bowled with great enthusiasm in the nets and generated considerable pace.

The West Indies might be considering a change in their batting, with Keith Arthurton suffering a miserable tournament. But after losing to India and then being surprisingly beaten by Kenya, the West Indies appear to be back to something like their normal selves and are confident of reaching the final.

"We are here to win," Richardson said. The West Indians won the group match be-tween the sides in Jaipur by four

Mark Waugh goes into the

game as the leading candidate to be player of the tournament. Not even Brian Lara can match Waugh for consistency in heen dominated by hatsmen. Five innings have brought

him three centuries (130 against Kenya, 126 against India and 110 against New Zealand1 plus a

score of 76 against Zimbabwe.

Geach's late goal undoes Loughborough Anderson appeal to McColgan

BILL COLWILL

With two well-taken penalty corner goals, Danny Geach, Brunel's sweeper, spoiled Loughborough's party at Milton Keynes vesterday in the six finals of the British Universities Brunel beat them 3-2 in extra time.

time in the men's first XI final. Otherwise Loughborough

In a highly entertaining game Geach opened the scoring in the first minute. Goals from Jason Lee and Matt Slater put Loughborough ahead before Southgate's Adrian Simmons scored to force extra time. Geach's win-Vaseline Championship as ner came 13 minutes into extra

women's final in dominant style through Sarah Blanks and Georgina Martin only to lose their way after the interval.

A series of outstanding saves by Vicky Blackmore including a penalty stroke kept Birmingham in the game which ended goalless after extra time. Blackmore was to save twice

in the penalty shoot-out before

Birmingham started the a weak strike from Lindsey Sherring was saved by Michelle Dite and Loughborough won

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Athletics

John Anderson, the new Scotush team manager, yesterday said he will "move heaven and earth" to ensure Liz McColgan runs at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. McColgan has said she would

not represent her country because of a long-standing rift with

Anderson, her former coach. "Competing for Scotland is far more important than any personal differences she might have with me," Anderson said. "I want to make it clear to her

I have no differences with her at all. I feel no sense of antagonism, quite the reverse. I have admiration for her as a runner." Anderson said that he would be as flexible as he could in ac-

Ice hockey

other in Malaysia and McColgan

living outside the Games village. "I have no problems whatsoever with any arrangements that make Liz feel comfortable. If I felt something like that would help, then I would be pushing very hard to persuade the team management to accept it."

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Storm over Knowles' withdrawal

Badminton

Peter Knowles, the England mternational, refused the op-portunity to clear himself of suspicion over his late withdrawal from the All-England Championships, which upset the organisers and infuriated his Olympic rival. Anders Nielsen.

He rejected a request to see the tournament's medical officer, Dr Ashwin Patel, for confirmation that he was suffering from an arm injury, after he pulled out a couple of hours be-fore his scheduled first-round match against the ninth seed. Taiwan's Fung Permadi. Knowles produced a medical

certificate provided by his own doctor, but his motives were questioned when it was realised that deleat by Permadi could have aided Nielsen to pip him in the race for a trip to Atlanta. Permadi had won their previ-

ous two meetings, but Knowles denied he was playing the system usgain an Olympic place. "I overdid it a bit playing the Swiss Open, five matches in the Thomas Cup and another for my German chub in quick succession. I waited until the last moment hoping it would be OK, but after having a hit, the arm was sore. I really med a week's rest." he said. However, Knowles' explana

should be replaced," he said.

Hendry tables his emotions after victory

Stephen Hendry again criticised the condition of the tables after taking revenge over Joe Swail to reach the quarter-finals of the Thailand Open in Bangkok. . Swail had knocked the world champion out of the European

Open at the same stage a fort-night ago but Hendry was more concerned with the difficult playing conditions than overcoming the Irishman. "It's impossible to perform to your best on these tables," said Hendry, who 24 hours earlier

had described the conditions as "like playing on an Axminster carpet".
"All I could do was scrap away
to the finish," said Hendry,
who tackles John Parrott or

Steve Davis, the winner of the event four years ago, was beat-en 5-2 by Ken Doherty.

Dave Roe for a place in the

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The number of home games tion did not impress the Bad-Sunderland have left at their minton Association of England. 22,000 capacity Roker Park Tommy Marrs, its events direcstadium which they have tor, was unhappy about a crop of made all-ticket in the final late withdrawals. "Any system push for promotion from the Endsleigh League First Divithat allows people to benefit by not playing must be flawed and

The five-times champion John Ngus yes-terday falled to win selection in the Kenyan team for the World Cross-Coun-Kernen team for the World Cross-Country championships in Stellenbosch, South Africa, on 23 March. Neugr returned to domestic competition in February after a four-year ban for refusing a drugs test had been lifted, but he failed to make an impact at the national championships. The datending champion, Paul lergat, will head the Kernen men's team.

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Northamptonshire's former England spiriner Nick Cook made £133,304 from his benefit last year. Cook, 39, played no first-team cricket during 1995 and will spend this season captaining the county's second N.

World record Test run scorer Allan Borwonto record lest full score Aliana con-der, who retired from the international arena in 1994, is to give up all crick-et at the end of the season. The 40-year-old left-hander, who started his first-class career with New South Wales. had a Test career spanning 156 matches, including 93 as captain, in which he scored 11,174 runs at an average of 50.56. He took 156 Test catches.

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Swimming

Olympic quadruple medallist Summer Sanders has retired from competitive swimming after failing to quality for this summer's Attanta Games at the US that als in Indianapolis. The 23-year-old strug-gled to an eighth-place finish in the 200 metres butterfly, an event in which she won one of her two gold medals in 1992.

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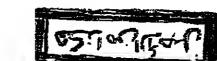
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DEREK PRINGLE reports from Calcutta Sn Lanka 251-8: India 120-8 (Match abandoned Sri Lanka awarded victory)

After a day of searing temperatures. Calcutta. India's city of joy, last night became his city of shame as a 110,000 capacity crowd at Eden Gardens brought the World Cup semi-final between India and Sri Lanka to a standstill under a hail of bonles. The crowd. angry with India's tame batting. eventually forced the game to be abandoned, and in a move unprecedented in Cup history, the referee. Clive Lloyd, awarded the match to Sri Lanka.

Having already taken the players from the field once, to give the police time to quicten spectators down, Lloyd had no hesitation in calling the game off once more glass bottles were thrown as the players returned

to the field. "I said to the umpires, and they agreed with me, that we should try and restart the game, but that if anything else was thrown we'd stop." Lloyd said after the match. "I was disappointed in the crowd's behaviour. I know they were down, but that's the way the game goes."

The Zimbabwean umpire lan Robinson said it had been

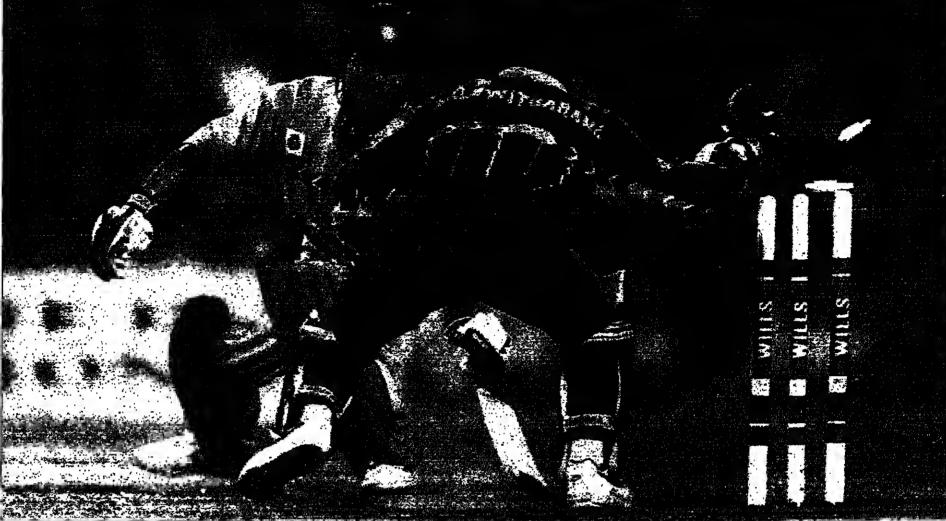
a scary experience for those on the field. "One glass bottle came out of the members' area and over the sightscreen." he said. "It was probably thrown by someone who had paid 500 dollars for his ticket and was

pretty annoyed."
Lloyd also stated he was disappointed with the standard of security. "I'd asked for police to mingle with the crowd," he said. "It wasn't adequately policed." He was critical of the surface, too, describing it as "a bad pitch. The ball turned too much for a semi-final."

Considering there were at least 6.000 policemen present. comprising three types including the crack Rapid Action Force. Lloyd's accusation on security is one that Jagmohan Dalmiya, the convenor secre-tary of Pilcom, the tournament organisers, will have to answer, presumably to the International Cricket Council who must now be forced to hold an inquiry

Boorish behaviour can never be tolerated, whatever the reason, especially when you realise that to the impoverished majority of this vast dark city, the sight of those four massive blazing towers is a source of pride that despite, being close enough to see, is as distant to them as Shangri-la. It is as much a slur upon them by those lucky enough to have tickets, as it is on the game of

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



is stumped by Sri Lanka's Romesh Kaluwitharana during yesterday's World Cup semi-final in Calcutta

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Calcutta

scoreboard

deed a black day and their reputation as sophisticates and connoisseurs of all things crick-

et, has been hadly tarnished.
Not so Sri Lanka, despite it
being the third time they have
been awarded a game by default - though some might argue that Mohammed Azharuddin, the Indian captain, did that when he won the toss, putting his opponents in on a newly relaid pitch

that later turned square. However, in an otherwise strident march to the final, this was undoubtedly their finest hour. They completely out-played India, despite another excellent performance from Sachin Tendulkar with both bat and ball. Such has been the speed of Sri Lanka's progress, it is a benchmark that is chang-

bowling. In a batting display as auda cious as it was sublime, Aravinda de Silva assaulted India's bowling, timing his drives with unerring precision as he brutally punched holes in the field. When a batsman of this class is as inspired as De Silva was here, there is little a bowler can do except hope for a false

yesterday's win, they cannot

top it once more in Lahore on

Sri Lanka's opening batsmen, and in particular Sanath Jaya-

suriya, who had propelled their team to victory. Ironically, both

fell to successive deliveries in

the day's first over, caught by

third man slashing at Javagal

Faced with such a sayage

blow, many teams would have

then resorted to a strategy

based on caution. Not Sri Lan-

ka who, perhaps reading the

pitch betier than Azharuddin

Srinath.

Before this game, it has been

stroke. Azharuddin, however, was less charitable, and several times he chastised his attack for sins they had not really committed. This paled in comparison to the response the Indian skipper got from the crowd when he later went for

Alan Ball faces his former club,

Southampton, on Saturday

knowing the outcome at Maine.

Road could determine whether

Manchester City stay in the

by the point from a 1-1 draw at

Chelsea on Tuesday, said:

You've got to look at the sit-

uation and say it's in our hands

beat are the clubs down there

with us, starting with Southamp-ton. If we can beat them it puts

them five points behind us and

in very serious trouble, and we

Eight clubs are battling to

should be able to pull clear."

"The people we have got to

whether or not we'll survive.

The City manager, boosted

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son why, fuelled by the high of pavilion was accompanied by chants of "Down with Azharuddin",

Chasing Sri Lanka's total of 251, India did not seem badly placed, when at the 20-over mark they were 83 for 1, with Tendulkar his usual fluent self. Unfortunately for India, it was hereabouts that Arjuna Ranatunga decided to introduce Jayasuriya's left-arm spin.

Bowling over the wicket into the rough outside leg stump, Jayasuriya had Tendulkar stumped after a lightning hit of opportunism by the keeper, Romesh Kaluwitharana, as Tendulkar left his ground after. the ball had come off his pads.

With Azharuddin, Manrekar, Srinath and Jadeja all falling in the space of seven overs, India were never able to mount a serious counter-assault. When the game was called off they were listing on 120 for 8, having lost their last seven wickets for just 22 runs.

Earlier, as searing daylight turned to a kind of warm glow under tungsten, Srl Lanka had

also appeared to lose their way With the heroic Roshan Mahanama unable to return, suffering terrible cramps and disorientation brought about by dehydration, his team failed to capitalise over the last 10

It was only later when the ball began to grip and turn that everyone realised how ample that total was. And what a gargantuan blunder Azharrudir and his team of advisers had

made by giving their opponents first use of the pitch.

had done, realised that runs were best got when the ball was hard and the seamers were

nought, and his return to the Man of the match Aravinda de Silva is given an armed escort from the Calcutta pitch

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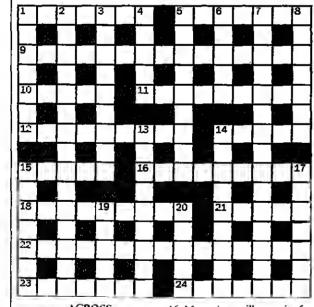
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avoid the drop and City - who have eight games left compared 23 Bird, one set in curious ele- 15 Odds on attracting endless to Southampton's 11 - know that 12 points out of the final 24 17 A leader of mountaineers would be more than enough to trapped in mount was very guarantee safety.

Apart from Southampton,

who currently fill the third relegation place above the seemingly doomed Queen's Park Rangers

and Bolton, Ball's side also face tellow strugglers Bolton and Wimbledon away and Sheffield Wednesday at Maine Road. The points have to be picked up as the other four games - Man-chester United and Liverpool at home and West Ham and Aston

Villa away - present a formida-

ble challenge at the best of

Ball, who welcomed back lan Brightwell, who missed six matches because of injury, will have his captain, Keith Curle, back after suspension as well as Michael Brown. Nigel Clough, employed as a sweeper in the first half against Chelsea, from where he hit the equaliser, is expected to revert to a midfield role.

Safety quest for Ball

"The change of formation worked quite well," Clough said. "I played there for half a season for Forest so h wasn't too unusual and sometimes it's easier coming from a deeper position to get on the end of things.

"We have been in games this season where we have conceded early goals and we didn't want to do that against Chelsea. Afterwards there was frustration in the dressing-room that we hadn't won, which is a good sign when you consider our position in the League." Ball, meanwhile, could also

have Niall Quinn back after in-jury to threaten Uwe Rösler's place while the on-loan substiinte, Gruseppe Mazzarelli, is also in the frame after a late run-out on Tuesday. "He's my type of player. He is comfortable with the ball

and can play in numerous positions," said Ball of the Swiss-Italian midfielder.

virtually anywhere, as Clough did against Chelsea." Ball desperately hopes that Saturday will show that, above all else, they want to play in the Premiership.

Glenn Hoddle, meanwhile, has sounded the alert for his Chelsea side as they chase a place in Europe for next season.

"If we perform the way we did against Manchester City at Anfield on Saturday, then we'll get hammered," was the stark warning from the Chelses manager. "It may have been a little bit of fatigue from Saturday, but that's an easy excuse - an easy way out," he said.

We didn't deserve to win; we didn't work hard enough. It's as simple as that. I never felt that we were at the races. It's a lesson for us and now we have to lift ourselves and prepare ourselves for Liverpool away." Chelsea will need to improve. if they are to keep on target for

a top five place and a European qualification. "Getting into Europe is more important than the FA Cup and we don't want a gap pening between ourselves and the likes of Arsenal and Tottenham," Hoddle added. "There has got to be n vast improvement if we are to get something up there. Knowing us, we'll perform really well."

Arsenal tell Wright to stay at Highbury

back into Ian Wright's court yesterday when Arsenal rejected must serve out his recently

more" at Highbury, startled the Gunners' management by handing in a transfer request last week. Chelsea headed the queue of clubs hoping to sign the experienced marksman, but the Arsenal manager, Bruce Rioch, recommended to the Highbury board that they reject

Wright's plea. Yesterday, the Highbury managing director, Ken Friar, formally announced that the club had told the 32-year-old Wright that his future remains with Arsenal. "The board have advised lan they are not pre-pared to grant his request for a transfer, which he made re-cently," Friar said. This was a unanimous decision of the board and the manager."

"lan's contribution to the club's success has been considerable over recent years, and we are sure that, as a true professional, it will continue to be so throughout the remainder of his contract," Friar added. "We all very much wish him to stay."

Chelsea's manager, Glenn Hod dle, who clearly saw Wright as his transfer request and said he must serve out his recently signed four-year contract.

who said he was not happy any more, at Highbury startled week: "If Arsenal say Wright is available we would be interest. ed, but if they say he must stay we will respect that decision

Wright cost £2.5m from Crystal Palace in September 19 and two years later helped senal achieve a unique Wemis ley double of the FA Cup and League Cup. Last season lie li 30 goals including nine in the European Cup-Winners' Cup scoring in every round apart from the final - which Arsen lost to Real Zaragoza after es tra time.

Wright has missed Arsena last three matches, two through suspension and one because injury, but before that we handed the captaincy in the abs sence of Tony Adams. The Gunners' Dutch international Dennis Bergkamp, was amon those who publicly arged Wright to reconsider his deta-

sion to seek a move. Wright must now wait his learn whether he is recalled to the starting side at Wimbleston on Saturday after his stand in John Hartson, hit two goals it last week's win over Manches ter City.

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